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MOUNT Everest has been conquered! The bare statement does not tell the full story which, when it is revealed, will be one of almost unbelievable human endurance, of courage, ingenuity, valour and many other qualities which, when compounded, bring triumph and achievement just at the moment when they appear to be beyond human reach. The details can wait: At the moment it is sufficient to acknowledge that the world's highest peak, which hitherto has defied the attempts of men (and very valiant and tenacious men) to reach her summit, has at last been scaled. Nor need there be any false modesty about the fact that its conquerors comprised a British expedition. On the contrary proper pride can be felt. For not only was something accomplished which hitherto had been found impossible, but the achievement came at the most felicitous moment—on the eve of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth. The Coronation, of course, needs no embellishment, for it is an event historically unique and complete. Nevertheless the hearts of British subjects everywhere have been gladdened by the news that the conquering of the mighty Mount Everest by a British team of climbers and their courageous assistants coincided with the most important event of the year—the Coronation.

To reach the summit of Mount Everest is an achievement which may or may not yield anything of practical value to posterity. But its importance as yet another triumph of man's determination and fortitude is undeniable. There is a lesson to be derived—that so long as the objective is worth while there is no force existent which can prevent its attainment. Colonel Blunt and his party embarked on an expedition which was a test as much of their spiritual strength as of their physical endurance. Though personal honour and glory is rightfully theirs, it was an aspect which could hardly enter their minds as they performed the hazardous undertaking. They challenged, and in turn were challenged, and they won solely because they refused to fall in their purpose in the face of adversity.

QUEEN TUMULTUOUSLY ACCLAIMED

Crowds Smash Palace Fence In Wild Enthusiasm

INCESSANTLY CHANT "WE WANT THE QUEEN"

LONDON, JUNE 2.

TUMULTUOUS CROWDS BROKE THROUGH POLICE CORDONS AND SMASHED A BUCKINGHAM PALACE FENCE TONIGHT TO SEE THE NEWLY CROWNED QUEEN ELIZABETH WAVING TO THEM FROM A PALACE BALCONY.

Police were overpowered by the surging thousands racing across the wide carriageway in front of the Palace, while 168 jet fighters roared overhead in tribute to the Queen.

The cries of the wildly excited crowd mingled with the roar of the jets as they zoomed 1,000 feet over the Palace. The Queen, the gleaming Imperial State Crown on her head, acknowledged the cheers with a radiant smile and a constantly waving hand.

She stood on the balcony for seven minutes, her four-year-old son, Prince Charles, and her daughter, Princess Anne, 2, by her side. The children were caught up in the thrill of the occasion and both waved back at the crowd, the little Princess copying her brother's self-assured movements.

With them on the balcony were the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother, Elizabeth, Princess Margaret and the Duke of Gloucester.

They came outside 40 minutes after their processional return from the Queen's crowning in Westminster Abbey.

On the Queen's wrists were still the gold bracelets—"of sincerity and wisdom"—which she received at her Coronation. Prince Charles turned inquisitively to ask what they were. A few minutes earlier the crowd saw a little boy playing "hide and seek" with them behind the curtains, while they kept up an incessant cry of "we want the Queen."

When the first of the Air Force Meteors dipped low in salute, the excited Prince—her to the Throne—nudged his mother and his father pointed up at the sky. The flight was delayed 25 minutes because of the Queen's late return to the Palace.

There were fireworks displays and street parties. Then it was the turn of the crowds to march along the route that royalty and troops had covered a few hours before. Men in grey silk top hats and morning clothes swung along side by side with men wearing old raincoats and red white and blue hats.

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Coronation Briefs

Television's Triumph

LONDON, JUNE 2. The Coronation was television's greatest triumph. Through the eyes of 20 cameramen and eight commentators, an audience estimated at 20,000,000 in Britain, France, Holland and Germany saw the beauty and splendour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey, and the triumphal drive through the packed streets of her capital. At previous Coronations of British sovereigns, only those privileged to attend the Abbey—usually about 4,000—saw the historic crowning ceremony.—*Reuter.*

New York, June 2. Millions of Americans saw pictures of the actual crowning of Queen Elizabeth on their television screens only seven minutes after the event. Pictures bringing the scenes vividly before their eyes were taken from a television screen at Beckenham, Kent, radiated the 3,000 miles across the Atlantic and immediately transmitted by television to the thrilled viewers in New York.—*Reuter.*

Accra, June 2. Gay coloured umbrellas of native chiefs mingled with the brilliant red uniforms of the Royal West African Frontier Force at today's trooping of the Queen's Colour—climax of Accra's week-long celebrations.—*Reuter.*

Moscow, June 2. The Soviet Foreign Minister Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov accompanied by Vice Minister Andrei Gromyko and Admiral Kuznetsov attended the Coronation Ball at the British Embassy in Moscow tonight.—*Reuter.*

Karachi, June 2. Moslems in many Karachi mosques joined in prayers for Queen Elizabeth.—*Reuter.*



This splendid United Press radio-photo was received from London early this morning. It shows Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by her husband the Duke of Edinburgh, en route to Westminster Abbey for the Coronation. The Queen smiles happily and waves to the crowd.

Sir Winston Introduces Queen To Radio Listeners

LONDON, JUNE 2.

Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, in the rolling tones and resounding phrases for which he is famous, tonight introduced Queen Elizabeth when she broadcast to her people.

Speaking from his official residence, No. 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister said: "We have had a day which the oldest are proud to have lived to see and which the youngest will remember all their lives. It is my duty and my honour to lead you to its culmination."

"You have heard the Prime Ministers of the Empire and Commonwealth pay their moving tributes on behalf of the famous states and races for whom they speak."

"The splendours of this second of June glow in our minds. Now, as night falls, you will hear the voice of our sovereign herself, crowned in our history and enthroned for ever in our hearts."

"WHOM WE LOVE"
Sir Winston Churchill went on: "Let it not be thought that the age of chivalry belongs to the past. Here, at the summit of our worldwide community, is the lady whom we respect because she is our Queen and whom we love because she is herself."

"Gracious and noble are words familiar to us all in courtly phrasing. Tonight they have a new ring in them because we know they are true about the gleaming figure whom Providence has brought us, and brought us in times when the present is hard and the future veiled."

"It is our dearest hope that the Queen shall be happy and our resolve unwavering that her reign will be as glorious as her devoted subjects can help her to make it."

Churchill's Coach Astray

LONDON, JUNE 2.

Sir Winston Churchill's coach today trundled off the route of the Coronation procession to avoid poaching the Queen's place of honour.

At one stage on the great drive the Prime Minister's coach had come abreast of other vehicles in the long stream. His coach pulled to the roadside and, when it rejoined the procession Sir Winston Churchill found himself behind the Queen's coach of State usurping her place of honour at the rear.

The Prime Minister took the first opportunity to pull off the route and drove to Downing Street on his own.—*Reuter.*

BERMUDA TALKS MAY BE POSTPONED

LONDON, JUNE 2.

The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, discussed plans for the postponement of the three-power Bermuda conference yesterday with the French Ambassador to Britain, M. Rene Massigli, it is learned from an authoritative source.

While no firm date for the Anglo-Franco-American conference has ever been announced, it was generally expected here that it would open on June 17, and would last for about four days.

The possibility of holding it instead at the end of June is now believed here to be under discussion between the three governments concerned.

The motive, it is thought here, would be one of general convenience and not solely the fall of the French Government of M. Rene Mayer immediately after the announcement last month that the Bermuda conference would take place.

But President Eisenhower indicated recently that if the formation of a new French Government proved a protracted operation, this might itself be a reason for putting off the Bermuda talks.

Since the talks are expected to cover future tripartite policy decisions, the United States administration, it is thought here, would prefer these to take place with the incoming rather than the outgoing French Government.

The proposal for three-power talks with Britain and France was made last month by President Eisenhower and fixed up in trans-Atlantic telephone calls to the two European capitals within a matter of hours.

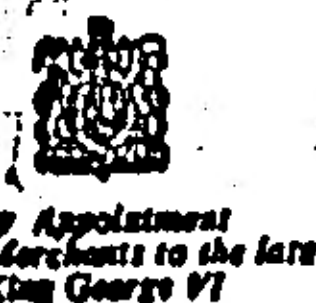
President Eisenhower promptly accepted a suggestion from Sir Winston Churchill that the conference should take place in Bermuda.—*Reuter.*

DELEGATE RESIGNS

Seoul, June 2. An authoritative source here said tonight Major-General Choi Kai Shik had tendered his resignation as South Korean's Chief Delegate to the Korean Armistice talks.

The source said President Rhee had not yet accepted Choi's resignation but is likely to do so.—*Reuter.*

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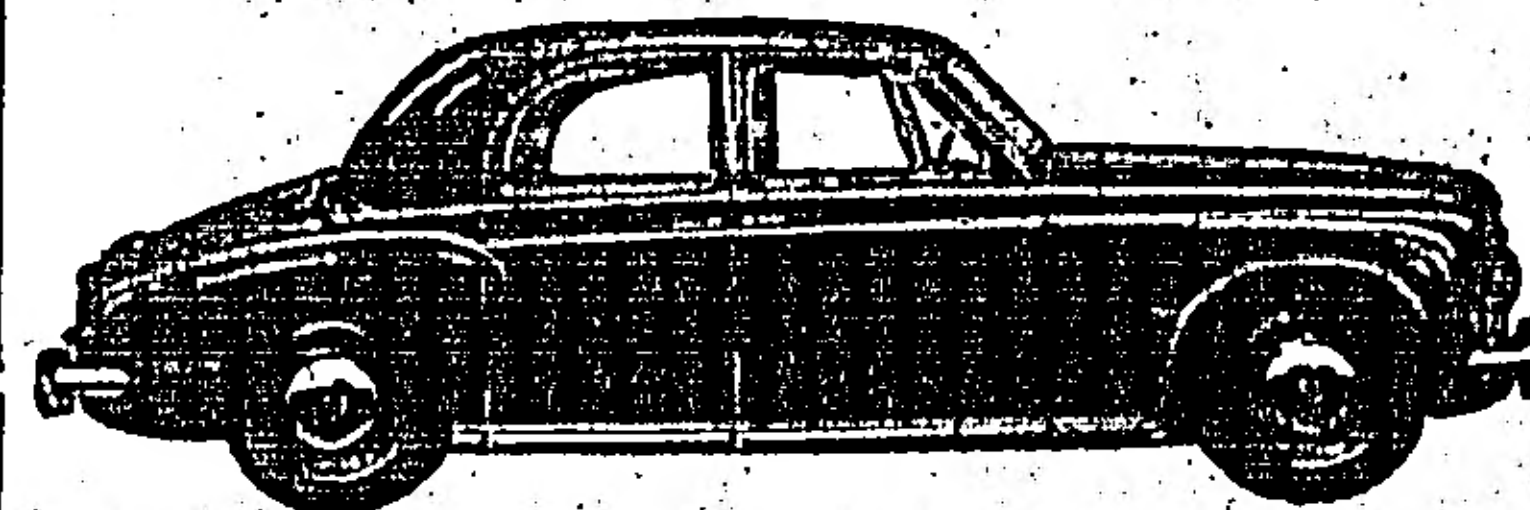
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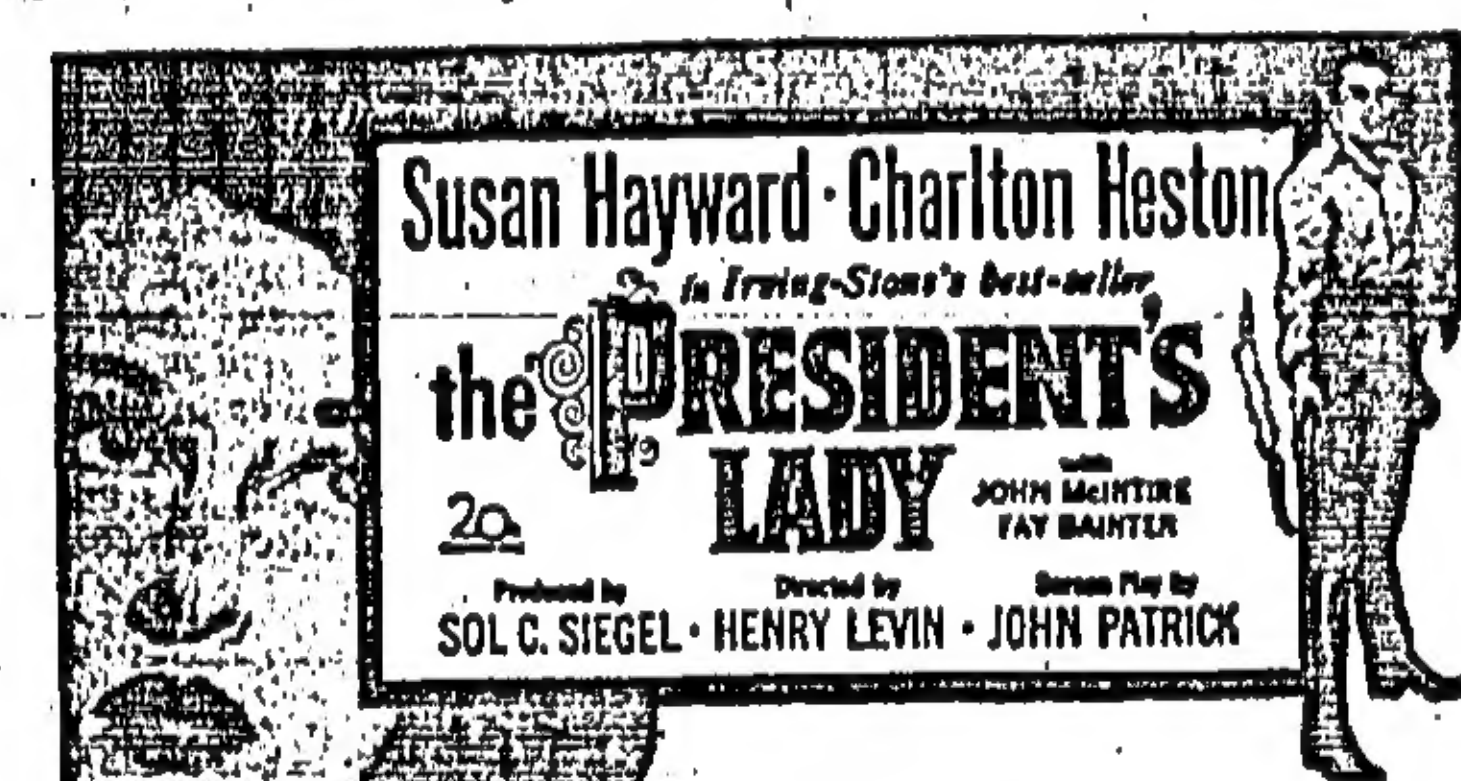
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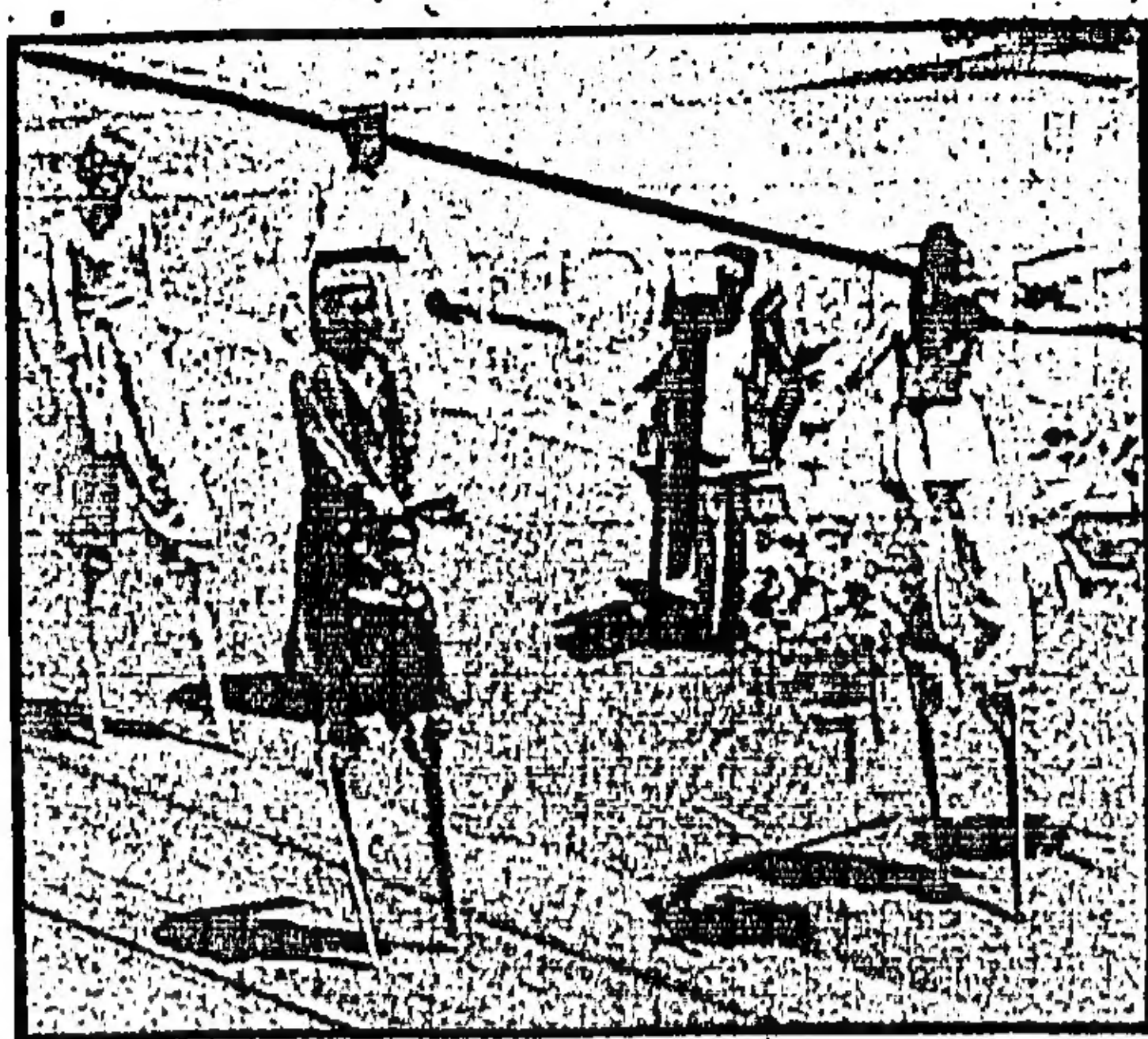


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Exhibition Of Skill



One of the most fascinating displays in yesterday's Dragon Procession through the streets of Victoria was given by the silk walkers, about 20 of whom (both men and women) delighted the crowds with their antics. Here a group of performers is shown as the procession was passing through the city area.—Staff Photographer.

Suicide Or Death Sentence

Rhee's Remarks On Korea Armistice

Seoul, June 2.

Dr Syngman Rhee, the South Korean President, was tonight quoted as saying that to agree on a Korean armistice with the Chinese still stationed beyond the battle line "would be like accepting an offer of suicide or the death sentence."

He was quoted by acting Premier and Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai who denied a report that the President had said South Korea would "agree with the United States policy at any cost."

The President was reported to have made the statement after watching the Coronation parade of the British Commonwealth Division near the front lines today.

Pyun Yung Tai said the report was "quite distorted." He added: "Apparently someone caught him (Dr Rhee) off guard while he was happy and attempting to avoid gloomy things, like the question of an armistice in Korea. He was misquoted."

Pyun added: "We are desperate. We think the Communists might accept the new Allied (armistice) proposal. You can never anticipate what desperate men will do."

The Communists are due to reply to the proposals at the Armistice talks on Thursday.

FULL AID
The South Korean Defence Minister, Mr Shin, told reporters that his army would try to unify the country "even if we have to do it alone." An armistice with the Chinese troops still on the battle line would leave South Korea "less secure than when the Korean war began," he said.

According to usually reliable sources, South Korea would only approve an armistice if allowed a 20-division army and given permission to sweep the Communists out of the whole country.

These demands were said to have been made in a note to President Eisenhower. Other South Korean conditions, the sources said, were that the United States should give her full aid if she were attacked, continue military and economic aid, not interfere when South Korea "dusts up" the Communists and that all foreign troops should withdraw simultaneously from Korea.—Reuter.

New Loyalty Board In U.S.

Washington, June 2.

President Eisenhower today ordered the creation of a special loyalty board to pass on United Nations employees who are U.S. citizens.

The White House press secretary, Mr James C. Hagerty, said that this, in effect, extended to such employees the same loyalty checkup system recently put into effect for U.S. Government workers.

The new Board will be known as the International Organizations' Employees' Loyalty Board.

In an executive order Mr Eisenhower said the Board will have authority "to inquire into the loyalty to the Government of the United States of U.S. citizens employed or considered for employment by International organizations of which the United States is a member."—Reuter.

Tito Releasing Soviet Pilot

Belgrade June 2.

Yugoslavia is allowing a Russian air force pilot who baled out over Yugoslavia to return to Russia, the official news agency Tanjug reported today.

The pilot, whose name was given as Roman Dondarenko, baled out about 12 miles north of Zagreb on the night of May 19/20.

Zagreb is about 60 miles southwest of the Hungarian frontier and the same distance south of the Soviet-occupied zone of Austria. The pilot said he had "wandered over Yugoslav territory."—Reuter.

'NOISELESS WEAPON' USED BY GANGSTER

Los Angeles, June 2.

A "noiseless weapon" used by American gangsters came to light today when it was reported that a 52-year-old woman had been forced to reveal her savings to a robber under the threat of a hypodermic syringe.

The victim, a Mrs Allen, told the police that she had been approached by a man in front of a bank.

Threatening her with a hypodermic syringe containing a yellowish liquid, he had said to her that unless she went where he directed, he would give her a shot from the needle. Mrs Allen had to accompany the bandit to an isolated spot on the outskirts of the city, where the man robbed her, taking a diamond worth about \$400 and \$600 in banknotes, which Mrs Allen was carrying with her.

The man then jumped into a car, which was waiting nearby, after threatening to return to his victim with his syringe if she denounced him to the police.—France-Press.

Incident On Frontier

Weiden, June 2.

The German border police said today they had prevented a coloured American soldier from crossing the "Iron Curtain" frontier into Czechoslovakia.

The incident occurred at Flossenbürg, about three miles from the Czech border, several days ago.

The soldier had aroused suspicion among the farmers, the police said, when he asked where the Czech frontier was.

When the border police approached him, he was carrying a drawn revolver. But he was quickly overpowered and did not use the weapon.—Reuter.

'Atmosphere Improves' In Dispute Over Suez EGYPTIAN STATEMENT

Cairo, June 2.

Professor Mohammed Fuad Galal, Egyptian Minister of National Direction, said tonight that the statement by the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, on the Suez Canal zone "came nearer to the Egyptian point of view."

He said the atmosphere was improving and described the Egyptian viewpoint as "the right, duty and prerogative of Egypt to defend herself."

Professor Galal added that if other nations were to take part in the defence of the Suez Canal zone they would be Arab League member States in accordance with the Arab Collective Security Pact.

Egypt, he said, had rejected four-power proposals for a Middle East defence scheme and also turned down an offer to include the United States as a third party in Anglo-Egyptian talks on the future of the zone.

Mr Dulles in a speech on Monday night on his 20,000-mile trip through 12 countries, including Egypt, said he was convinced there was "nothing irreconcilable" between the question of Egyptian sovereignty and the future of the Suez base, which had no importance to Western security.

NAGUIB'S DECISION
Meanwhile the Egyptian Prime Minister, General Mohammed Naguib, will not attend a British Embassy Coronation reception tonight as earlier reported, the Minister of National Guidance, Fuad Galal, said today.

He said it had been decided that Dr Mahmoud Fawzy, the Foreign Minister, and Lieutenant-Colonel Zakaria Mohieddin would attend the reception representing the Egyptian Government and the Revolutionary Council, respectively. An Egyptian Army armoured car, manned by steel-helmeted gunners in an open turret has been posted at a corner of the British Embassy in the fashionable garden city of Cairo as part of the extra precautions security measures taken by the Egyptians for tonight's reception.

Egyptian military police in a radio-equipped car are patrolling the district in co-operation with the civil police.—Reuter.

STEVENS' VIEWS

Cairo, June 2.
Mr Adlai Stevenson, the US Democratic leader, said today that a solution of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute in the Suez Canal Zone should precede plans for the expansion of the Middle East defence set-up.

Addressing a Press conference the Democratic Party leader said that he was "confident that a solution over the Suez Canal base will be found consistent with Egyptian disputed sovereignty and the importance of the base."

He stressed the "importance" of a solution of the dispute. "I am optimistic about Egypt," he added. "It is important to eliminate Egypt's political difficulties, mainly the dispute over the Canal Zone base as a preliminary to solving the problem of Middle East defence."

Mr Stevenson, who has been in Egypt for six days, has talked with both British and Egyptian leaders. He said that he found the leaders of both sides to be reasonable men eager to preserve the peace and security in this part of the world.

He said he was confident that a solution would come within a reasonable time.—United Press.

EXPECTED TO APPROVE

Washington, June 2.

Congress probably will approve President Eisenhower's proposals to lump all United States foreign aid and overseas information programmes into two independent agencies.

It is felt that unless a sizable number of Republicans want to keep the present forms of the aid and information programmes the far-reaching shake-up of the State Department will go through.—United Press.

Dulles' Report On Tour

Washington, June 2.

John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, told a Congressional Committee today that disputes among "certain governments" abroad which increased their economic difficulties could affect the amount of aid provided by the United States.

This was reported in a statement issued with Mr Dulles' approval after he and Mr Harold Stassen, the Mutual Security Administrator, had conferred privately for two-and-a-half hours with the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives on their recent tour of the Middle East and South-east Asia.

The Committee Chairman, Mr Robert Chipenfield, said in the statement, "The Secretary amplified the implications in his radio address last evening that the amount of economic aid from the United States would be affected by the extent to which lack of co-operation between certain governments adds to their economic difficulties."

The statement did not name the governments, but in his radio report last night Mr Dulles referred to the economic difficulties created by the disputes between India and Pakistan.

Mr Dulles discussed the problems faced by the emerging independent nations in the Middle East, the statement said. He was impressed by the necessity for the development of stability in the area and saw prospects of a settlement of issues between themselves and with other nations.

Mr Dulles and Mr Stassen, according to the statement, stressed these points:

AN ESSENTIAL
1. With relatively limited expenditure for military and economic aid, supplemented by its technical skills and its own political experience, the United States could make a major contribution to the orderly evolution of stable governments able to withstand Communist subversion or aggression.

2. If American assistance was to be effective in achieving this purpose, the United States must win the confidence of the Near Eastern states by conducting relations with them on an impartial basis as between them and Israel and with respect for the sovereignty and sympathy for legitimate national aspirations.

3. The famine situation in Pakistan threatening Pakistan was among the many problems that required the "most urgent attention" on the part of the United States.

Mr Dulles and Mr Stassen urged that early action should be taken by Congress to approve the shipment of American wheat to relieve this crisis.

Questioned by reporters later, Mr Dulles said the meeting had not discussed the Korean situation nor the proposed Big Three conference in Bermuda this month.

He declined to comment on recent statements by South Korean Government leaders, including President Syngman Rhee, on the Korean truce proposals.—Reuter.

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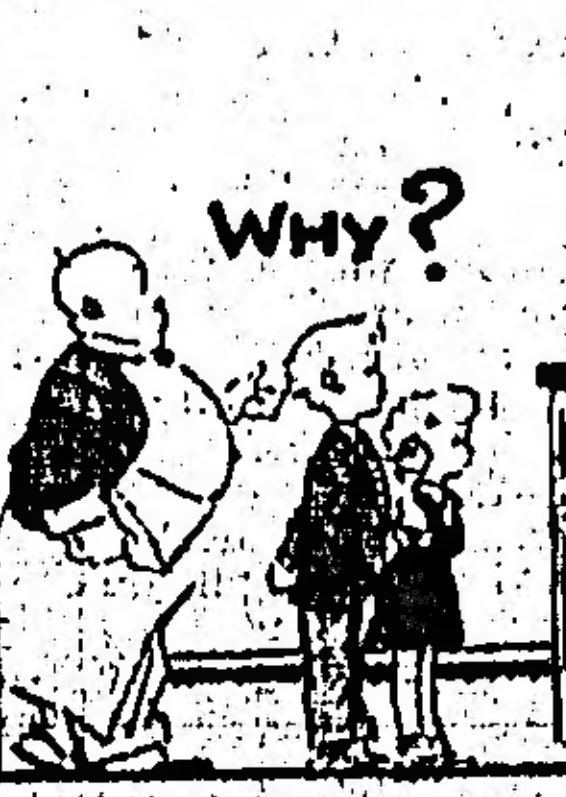
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Important Meeting Opens Today Churchill To Preside Over Talks On Foreign Affairs

London, June 3.

Sir Winston Churchill will ask the Commonwealth Prime Ministers today to back the line he intends to take on talks with Russia when this question comes up at the Western Big Three meeting at Bermuda in mid-June.

The Commonwealth statesmen who came to London to attend the Coronation are now beginning a weeklong conference on foreign affairs beginning this afternoon.

They favour the idea of East-West talks. But their discussions here will centre on the timing, scope, and any necessary conditions for a Western meeting with the Soviet.

Tributes To The Queen

London, June 2.

Dr Daniel Malan, of South Africa, and Mr Mohammed Ali, of Pakistan, whose countries' future positions with regard to the Crown have recently been the subject of speculation, were among six Commonwealth Prime Ministers who paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth tonight in a broadcast entitled "Long Live the Queen."

Dr Malan, wishing the Queen a happy and prosperous reign, said: "Not only have the representatives of the Union (of South Africa) witnessed the Coronation of the Queen of South Africa, they have at the same time seen in this solemn ceremony the reaffirmation of the sovereign, independent status of South Africa, who, even as the other members of the Commonwealth, is completely the master of her own destiny."

Mr Mohammed Ali said the adaptability of the British constitutional system to "the democratic urges of the time" had "facilitated the transformation of the British Empire into a Commonwealth of freely associated nations each independent in all aspects of its internal and external affairs."

Mr Mohammed Ali added: "We know that Her Majesty has been brought up in the finest traditions of a constitutional monarchy."

"We are confident that with her deep concern for the well-being and happiness of the peoples of the Commonwealth, her Majesty will add a bright chapter to the annals of this great institution over which she presides with such grace and distinction."—Reuter.

The visiting Prime Ministers will give their individual appraisal of the genuineness or otherwise of the Russian peace overtures since Marshal Stalin's death.

They will take into account the Soviet refusal to sign the Big Four deputies' conference on the Austrian state treaty on May 27.

The West considers that Russia's willingness to sign a treaty, giving Austria full nationhood, would be the acid test of her sincerity.

The eight visiting Prime Ministers will tell Sir Winston Churchill the Western Big Three meeting—of himself, President Eisenhower and the French Prime Minister—has the corollary support of their respective governments.

Sir Winston Churchill will give his Commonwealth colleagues a full briefing on the problems he proposes to raise at Bermuda.

FULL AGENDA

This is the full agenda for the Commonwealth conference.

1. A Churchill review of the world situation.

2. Policy statements of each of the visiting Prime Ministers.

3. Discussion on Soviet policy including prospects of East-West talks. Examination of Western European problems and a progress report on the Atlantic Pact of which Britain and Canada are the only two Commonwealth members.

4. The Korean armistice problem and other Far East and South-East Asia questions including the war against the Communists in Malaya and Indo-China.

Sir Winston Churchill had announced Britain's full support for the new Korean armistice proposals by the United Nations negotiator, Lieut-General William Harrison at Panmunjom last week.

Mr Nehru, Prime Minister of India, said these proposals were close to the terms of the Indian resolution passed by the United Nations last December.

This is also the view of Sir Winston Churchill.

5. The Middle East issues, including the Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the British base in the Suez Canal Zone and the Anglo-Iranian Oil controversy.

Mr Mohammed Ali, Pakistan's Prime Minister, is believed willing to mediate if asked in the Anglo-Egyptian quarrel. General Mohammed Naguib, Egyptian Prime Minister, is reported to have given Mr Nehru a memorandum on his Government's stand at the abortive Anglo-Egyptian talks in Cairo recently.

There is Commonwealth division on both the Anglo-Egyptian and Anglo-Iranian issues. Pakistan for example feels the sovereignty and national integrity of both Egypt and Persia must be given full recognition in the negotiations.

6. A review of the economic position of the sterling area. Mr Richard Butler, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Prime Ministers met here six months ago and agreed on a plan to cure the area's economic ills, and they will now study the results.

PACIFIC PROBLEMS

There will be a general discussion on defence—but India, Pakistan and Ceylon are not expected to take part in it.

Britain, Australia and New Zealand in a separate tripartite meeting will discuss the problems of Pacific and Southeast Asian defence.

This will have special reference to Anzus, the Pacific defence alliance of Australia, New Zealand and the United States, from which Britain is excluded.

The Indian and Pakistan Prime Ministers will meet privately for preliminary talks aimed to settle differences between their two countries, including the Kashmir dispute.

These bilateral exchanges will be followed by more formal discussions in Karachi in the next few weeks.

The nations represented at the Commonwealth conference are: Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Southern Rhodesia.—Reuter.

A Marked Increase

Wiesbaden, June 2. West Germany's foreign trade with the Communist countries showed a marked increase in April, the West German Statistical Office announced today.

Total imports from these countries rose from 24,100,000 German marks (a little over £2,000,000) in March to 33,400,000 marks (about £2,800,000) in April, while exports to these countries went up from 22,400,000 marks (about £1,800,000) to 35,400,000 (nearly £3,000,000).

Most marked increase was in West Germany's trade with Communist China which sent goods to the value of 15,000,000 (about £1,300,000) in April as against 9,000,000 (about £750,000) in March to the Federal Republic.

China's imports were valued at 18,000,000 marks (about £1,500,000) in April.

Exports from the Soviet Union rose from 300,000 marks in March to 2,000,000 marks in April. Exports to the USSR remained negligible, the Statistical Office said, without giving figures.

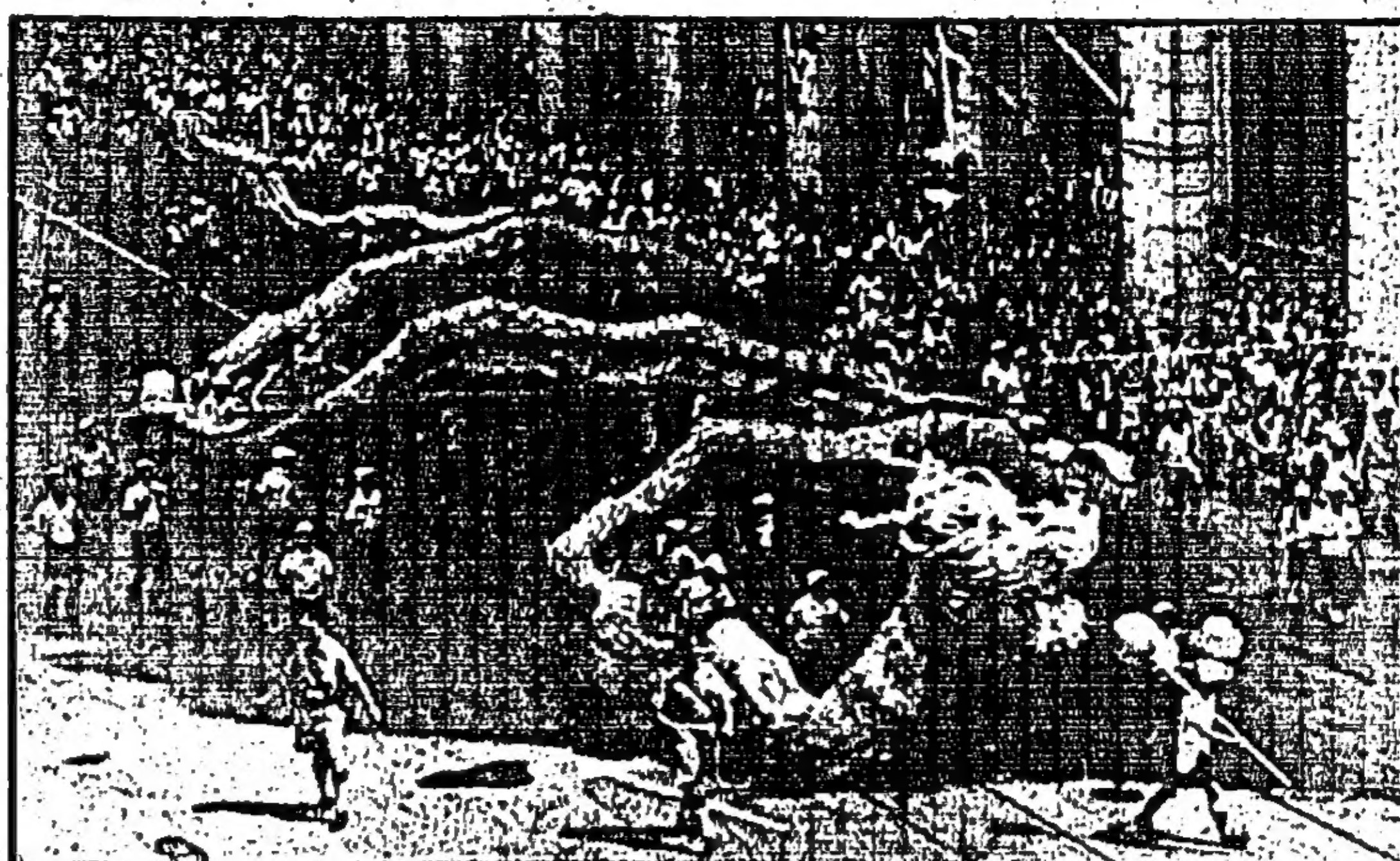
A considerable rise was also recorded in the two-way trade with Poland: imports were 7,000,000 marks in April against 4,800,000 marks in March, exports were 3,600,000 marks against 2,100,000 marks in March.—Reuter.

Strike Order To Bank Workers

Athens, June 2. The employees of three Greek banks were ordered to strike on Thursday by the Greek Confederation of Labour against the Government bill providing for the dismissal of 600 of their fellow employees and the cancellation of contracts between the bank managements and the trade union.

The bill, which has been tabled in the House of Deputies, concerns the National Bank of Greece, the Bank of Greece and the Agricultural Bank.—Reuter.

Dragon Wends Its Way Through City Streets



Roughly a million people jammed the streets of Victoria yesterday to witness the colourful spectacle of the traditional Dragon Procession in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Measuring 180 feet from head to tail, the fearsome-looking dragon thrilled the crowds as it weaved its way from Happy Valley to West Point. In upper picture the dragon is shown opposite the Gloucester Building. Lower picture shows a unicorn. Two men support the head while standing on the shoulders of two other performers.—Staff Photographer.

COST OF TRADE WITH REDS

Colombo, June 2. Her long-term trade pact with Communist China cost the Ceylon Treasury Rs. 104,000,000 (£14,000,000) last year, said a Treasury report released today.

Ceylon's credit, to the sum of Rs. 60,702,000 (about £2,500,000) was opened last October through the Bank of Ceylon in favour of the China National Import Export Corporation in Peking.

Ceylon's total adverse trade balance for the first half of the current financial year rose to Rs. 132,000,000 (£9,900,000) from Rs. 75,892,245 (about £5,991,918) last September.

Ceylon, said the report, paid Rs. 524,321,000 (nearly £40,000,000) on account for food imports last year, states the Treasury report.

Sugar from Poland and rice from America were imported last year in addition to normal supplies from Mauritius and Burma, the report added.

For the additional purchases the Central Bank on behalf of the Central Government issued irrevocable undertakings to the Manufacturers' Trust in New York. This necessitated departure from the ordinary letters of credit.—Reuter.

German View Of American Foreign Policy

Bonn, June 2. West German political leaders returning from recent trips to the United States are saying that the course the foreign policy of President Eisenhower's Republican Administration will take depends entirely on Europe.

These recent visitors, who include Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, Secretary of State Otto Lenz, Christian Democratic Foreign Affairs expert Franz Josef Strauss and Karl Arnold, Christian Democratic Minister President of North-Rhine-Westphalia, agree that so far the Eisenhower Administration has not decided whether Asia or Europe should receive first consideration when the United States starts handing out new aid.

All say that the pro-Asian wing has grown considerably stronger in recent months.

Western Europe now fails to unite, these recent visitors have counselled both publicly and privately, the United States will give Asia great priority, while probably withdrawing to the peripheral defence, based on Britain and Spain on the Atlantic side.—United Press.

Resignation Of Indonesian Cabinet

The Hague, June 2. The Indonesian Cabinet resigned tonight, according to an Indonesian news agency (Anela) cable received here.

President Sukharso accepted the resignation, the message said.

The Cabinet, comprising mainly members of the National and Muslim (Moslem Religious) parties, was formed in April 1952.

The small United Muslim Party of Indonesia decided last month to cease co-operating with the other parties in the coalition government and Mr Awwar Tjokranegara, a member of the party, resigned his post as Minister of Social Affairs.

But the Party's decision did not endanger the Government's numerical superiority at the time.—Reuter.

Bringing Pact Back To Life

Bonn, June 2. West Germany and the United States will renew tomorrow the German-American friendship, trade and shipping agreement of 1923, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the United States High Commissioner, Dr James B. Conant, are to sign a document, restoring the treaty to life at the Chancellery tomorrow afternoon.

Plans to revive the agreement were made during Dr Adenauer's visit to the United States in April.

Under the treaty, German businessmen will again be able to obtain visas with which they can stay in the United States for many years on business missions.

The two countries are expected to open negotiations soon on a new agreement to replace the 1923 version.—Reuter.

Conant Returning

Bonn, June 2. Dr James B. Conant, United States High Commissioner in Germany, will leave Bonn tonight for the United States to attend budget hearings conducted by the Appropriations Committee of both Houses of Congress.—Reuter.

Withdrawal Of Libel Action

Paris, June 2. A Paris court has accepted the withdrawal of a libel action filed by the British millionaire industrialist, Sir Bernard Ducker, and his wife against the French weekly Radar, on the magazine's report of an alleged face-slapping incident in Monte Carlo Casino.

The court ruled yesterday that Sir Bernard and Lady Ducker should pay costs of the action which was settled out of court last month.

The Dockers sued Radar and the Societe des Bains de Mer, which controls the Casino, jointly for 10,000,000 francs (£10,000) after an official of the society claimed last year that Lady Ducker slapped his face.

The claim against the Casino Company was dropped, and that against Radar was reduced to the token sum of one franc on February 3.

Radar agreed to pay 75,000 francs (£75) to the Monaco Red Cross under last month's settlement out of court.—Reuter.

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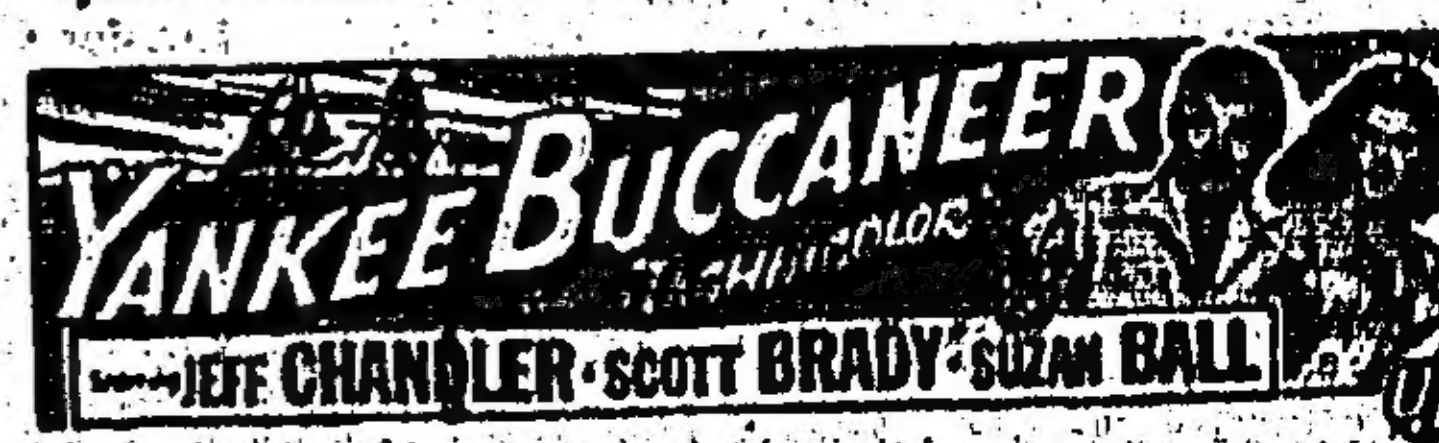
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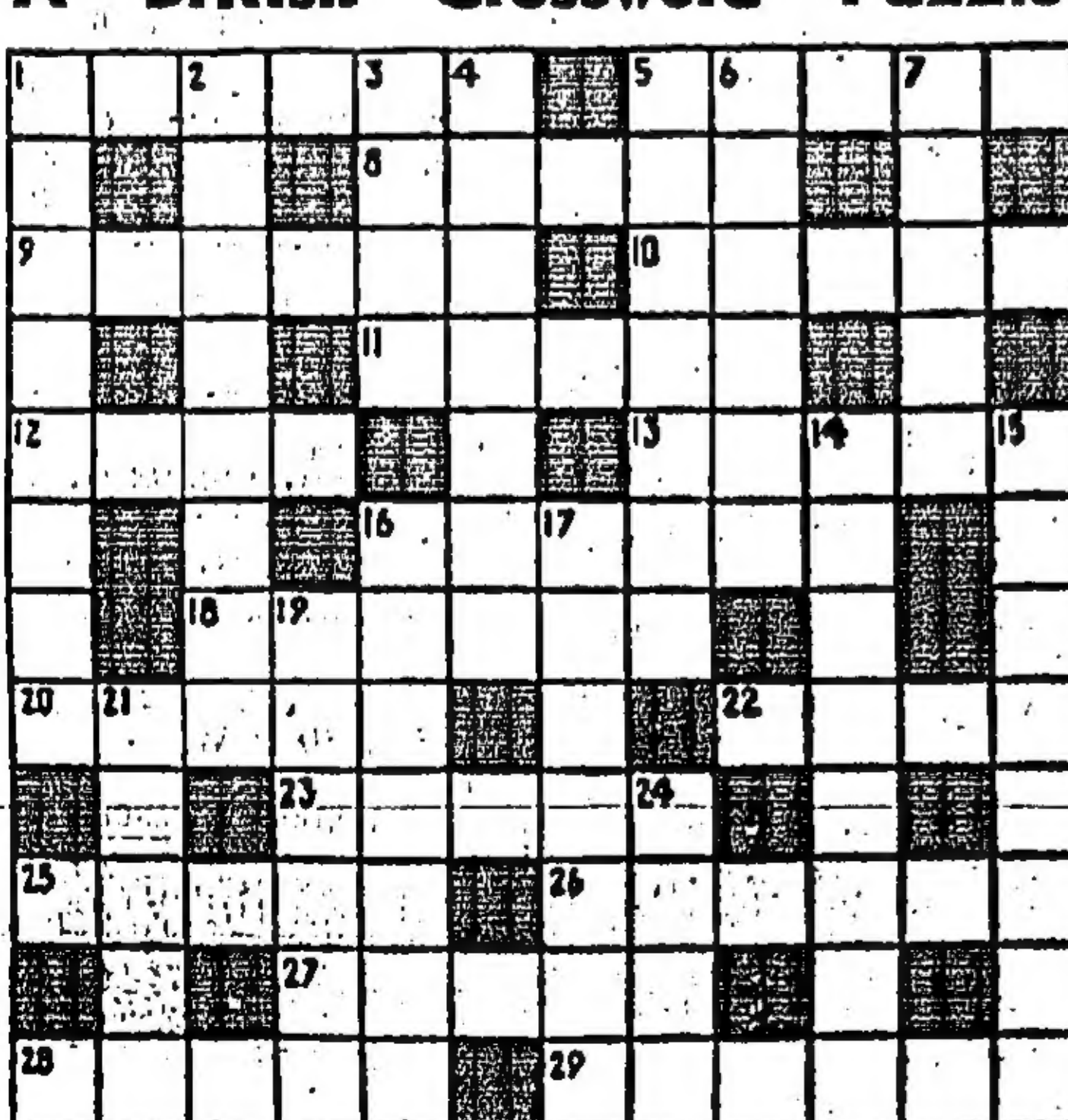
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- 12 Land measure (4)
- 13 Accumulation (4)
- 14 Submits to (6)
- 15 Necessary (6)
- 16 Symbols (5)
- 22 Account (4)
- 23 Separates into finer and coarser parts (9)
- 24 Church festival (6)
- 25 Bridges up (6)
- 26 Escapes (5)
- 27 Hues (6)

DOWN

- 1 Military quarters (8)
- 2 Dying (6)
- 3 Dull (4)
- 4 Tarnished (7)
- 5 Put to shame (7)
- 6 Agent (6)
- 7 Come in (5)
- 14 Helped (6)
- 15 Ascent (6)
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- 21 Make certain of (6)
- 22 Perfect (5)
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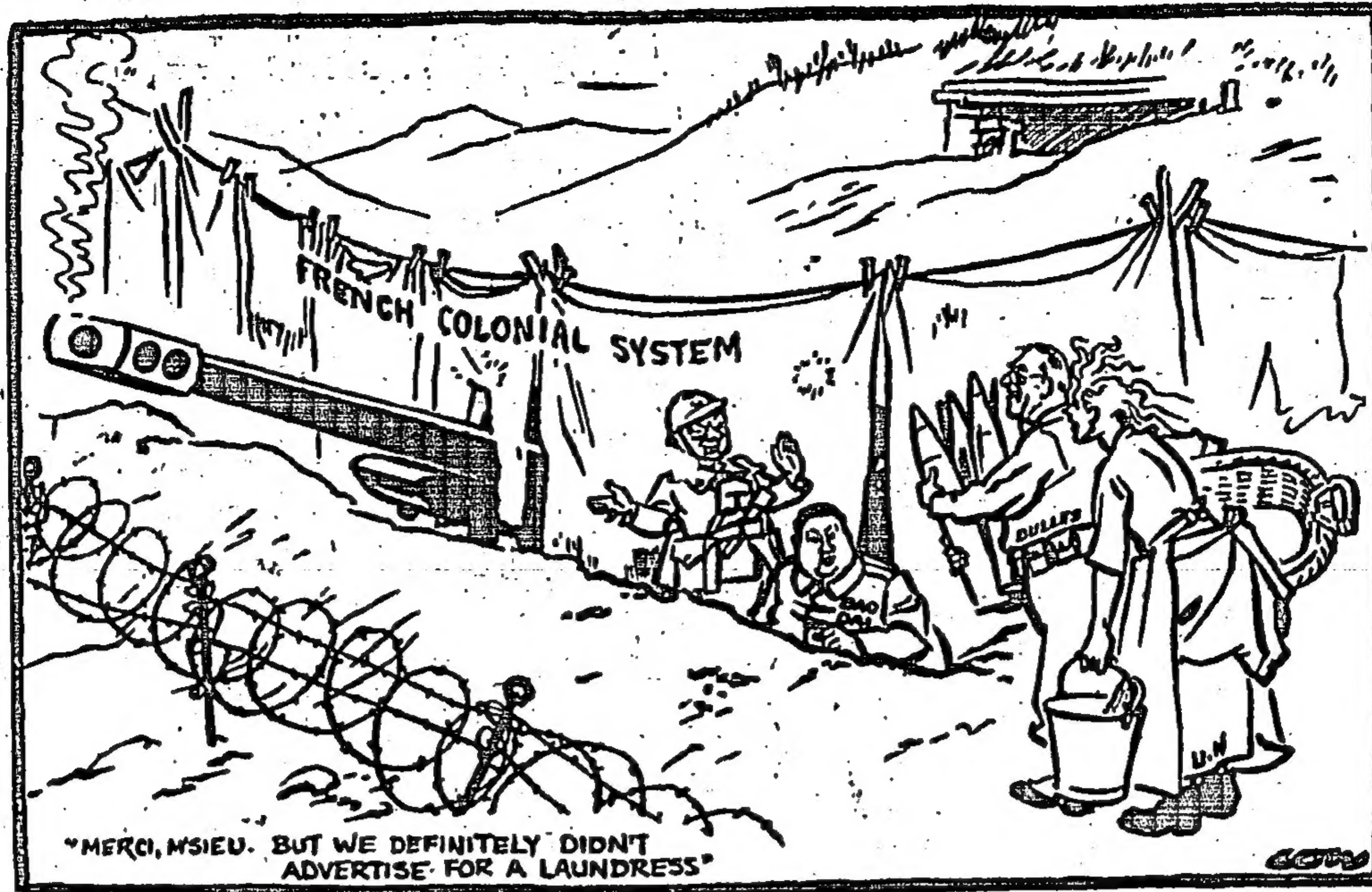
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EDEN OR BUTLER—WHO WILL BECOME LEADER?

Beverley Baxter, MP

discusses the background, the achievements and the potentialities of two men—of the highest calibre in English politics

London. AS every schoolboy is aware, Shakespeare put into the mouth of Malvolio, those significant words: "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." Familiar and accepted as those words undoubtedly are, there is no arbitrary division into categories of men who reach such heights that the world calls them great.

This is a study of two men, and first I want to discuss Richard Austen Butler, the 50-year-old Chancellor of the Exchequer in Churchill's Government. It cannot be said of him that either by birth, achievement or accident he has attained greatness because, as yet, that word does not apply to him. Yet he stands poised before the bar of history as the politician who may become Britain's Man of Destiny.

Of all blasphemies there is nothing as foolish as the term "a self-made man." Every baby is the battle-ground of its ancestors. Heredity, environment, tradition, poverty, frustration, education... all these are the raw material of character. When a man can bring himself into the world then, and only then, can he claim to be self-made.

RAB Butler (the nickname comes from the initials of his three names) was born neither rich nor poor. His father, Sir Montagu Butler, was a distinguished servant of the British Administration of India, but at an early age Rab went to a public school—Marlborough in England—the word "public", of course, meaning private.

There he was kicked, bullied, made to play cricket and endured all the benefits of the monastic education which is so highly esteemed in Britain. It must have been a torture for him because he loved books and languages, and going for walks by himself. It is a safe deduction that he was considered nothing much by the cricketers and the rugged crowd.

He was twelve years of age when the 1914 war broke out—too young to play any part but old enough to feel the pride and tragedy of watching

senior boys at Marlborough join the Army and go to their death in the shambles of Flanders Fields.

After the war he went to Cambridge in that strange twilight period when young veterans of the war—aged beyond their years—had come back to the Varsity to complete their interrupted education. The years that separated the normal undergraduates and the Service ones were not many, but they seemed as vast as a lifetime. The sensitive Rab Butler felt the divergence and sought his companionship in books.

TOUSLED

NOW at the same time, oddly enough, at Oxford University the 22-year-old Captain Anthony Eden, M.C., was gazing with his veteran eyes at the strange crop of undergraduates whose years had saved them from battle. He too, felt lonely as, with his finely tailored clothes and the assurance of a man who has commanded troops in the field, he gazed upon the new crop of undergraduates with their tousled hair, their plus-fours and their odd sweaters.

Since man is not allowed to see the distant scene it is understandable that no one prophesied at the time in the years ahead Butler and Eden would fight it out for the Premiership of Great Britain. In fact no one predicted that either of them would trouble the historian very much. Eden was a young aristocrat with a flair for clothes and Persian poetry, and Butler was just a studious fellow with nothing much in the way of personality.

HOTHOUSE

EDEN was the first to enter Parliament, which he did in 1923. His good looks, his splendid background and his splendid education marked him as an admirable Parliamentary material. Yet when he made his first speech he was nervous, awkward and unimpressive. Quite obviously he was no younger Pitt. Probably the only man who saw any serious future in him was Austen Chamberlain. With amazing insight he said: "There is a future Foreign Secretary in this young man." No one predicted anything particular for Butler. He was pale, shy and had rather an odd goggle. Yet though he had not achieved the honour of winning a blue at sports or serving in the war, his fellow MPs might have realized that there must have been something in a young fellow who took a Double First in Modern Languages, and was President of the University for

liament known as the Cambridge Union. But he was still shy and unassertive—and the House of Commons is a hothouse that has little time for blushing violets.

But before we proceed any further with this story of two young men of politics, we must bring in the feminine touch. Any marriage is important but a politician's marriage can assist a career and can break it.

Eden married in the same year that he was elected to Parliament. In fact, he and his wife spent their honeymoon campaigning in the sensational election of 1923 which threw out the Conservatives and put into power the first Labour Government in the history of Britain.

The girl he married was Beatrice Beckett, from the rich Yorkshire family of bankers and newspaper proprietors. She was beautiful with fine features, dark hair and the serene brow of a poetess. The fact that she took little interest in poetry does not matter. They were a handsome and happy pair.

But here the parallel stories of two young men like a slight divergence. Eden did not marry until the mature age of 27, whereas Butler rushed into it at the age of 24. He had met and fallen in love with Sydney Courtauld at Cambridge.

The Courtaulds are, of course, a very rich family. As pioneers of artificial silk manufacture, their kingdom spread across the world and they were paid much gold in tribute.

It is the way of people to raise their eyebrows when a young man marries the daughter of a millionaire and to assume that he has been lured to the altar by the jewels in the safe rather than the sparkle in her eyes. I would not deny that helms-hunting is a popular hobby. In fact, the English aristocracy was largely sustained in the Edwardian era by the love match between the American dollar and the English title.

But to say that no man marries a rich girl for herself is not true. Certainly the youthful Richard Austen Butler, not long out of his cap and gown, had no ambition or desire to burst into society and live on a grand scale. He wanted to read and walk in the country lanes.

tragedy seemed to break the last link. One would have thought that the remaining son—a most attractive and intelligent boy—might have kept their home intact, but it was not to be. The divorce was still a long way off, but the love story had come to an end.

The Butlers had three sons and a daughter, and because they were no more than children his sons knew nothing of the father's life except such contributions to their knowledge as the visiting Luftwaffe made. Their father was too young to fight in 1914, and they were too young in 1939. In contrast, by the mere caprice of birth, Anthony Eden was a front line Infantry Lieutenant when he was 18. And in 1944 his eighteen-year-old son went to his death in battle over Burma.

Yet those who knew him intimately realised that he had refused as a matter of conviction to follow Eden into what could only be a temporary exile. Quite obviously Butler sincerely believed that Chamberlain's policy of "appease and arm" was right. When war came and Churchill took over the Government after Chamberlain resigned in 1940, Butler was not given a post in the Government. He returned quietly to the back benches while Eden was appointed to high place in the Cabinet.

But in 1941, when the world was in flames and the vultures were darkening British skies, Butler was made Minister of Education. While the rest of us concentrated on the war, the whole war and nothing but the war, he had to wrestle with the problem of educating the young.

THE curious thing is that while reputations were soaring and crashing in the heroic struggle for national survival, he went on with his job and did it so well that he was described by Churchill as the Greatest Minister of Education Britain had ever had. Rab planned for the future as if victory were certain. He improved the conditions of teachers and inspired them with his encouragement. He brought in the Butler Educational Act which advanced British education by a decade.

Then when the war was over the electorate threw us out and Butler was freed of responsibility. "Now I shall be able to read and to go for long walks," he said to me one day. He probably believed, like Aneurin Bevan, that the country was in for a long term of Socialism.

The Conservative Party was smashed and demoralised. To many Tories Churchill was a man whose day had ended with the death of Hitler and the surrender of Germany. There was almost no party organisation and there was no peace-time policy. What was worse, we who had survived the electorate found that most of our friends had gone and a new generation had come to our benches.

However, Lord Woolton, an ex-Liberal, became Chairman of the Party and Rab Butler undertook to organise what is called "The Conservative Central Office." Some day we would have to fight another election and we must prepare even though the battle was far off.

Hitler's that? And what was he going to do about Franco firing on a British ship? Utterly imperturbable, he used the jargon of politics and kept repeating: "My noble friend (Halifax) has insisted on getting enquiries." "My noble friend has sent a strongly worded protest." "My noble friend..." One would have thought that Butler had no more to do with forming foreign policy than the clerks at Mr Speaker's table.

He was in every way the perfect Junior Minister, and, quite frankly, few of us thought that he would ever be more than a reasonably good head of a department in an off year.

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Tomorrow Mr Baxter will conclude this study of Mr Butler and Mr Eden.



THEY SEEK A SONG HIT IN TIN PAN ALLEY

By JAMES LEASOR

FOR months, the tunesmiths of Tin Pan Alley, shirt-sleeved at their cigarette-scarred pianos, have been rewriting old rhymes about Queens and Coronations, savagely determined to produce THE song-hit.

Now, from the mass of mediocre numbers and the few good ones, three stand out as leaders in the field: "Windsor Waltz," "In A Golden Coach," and "Coronation Rag."

Who wrote these patriotic ditties which are being thus thrust upon our ears?

The "Windsor Waltz" sheet music you buy bears the intelligence: "By Johnny Reine and Johnny May." But there are no such people.

The song was written by singer Johnny Johnston and a friend called Bunny Lewis, who works for a record company.

Says Johnston, who is also a director of the company that publishes it: "We cast about for an idea for a Coronation song, but we wanted to touch the subject obliquely. We felt that anything too direct would be dead on June the third."

"My wife had the idea for something about Windsor. After that, it was just a matter of hammering the thing out."

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"Windsor Waltz" is published from a backroom at No. 7, Denmark Street, London. "In A Golden Coach" is published from a backroom next door, at No. 7.

The sheet music—given the composer as Ronald Jamieson. Actually it was written by two men.

One is a well-known popular composer named Art Noel. He wrote "Sally" for Gracie Fields.

His real name is Harry Sugarman; he spent 14 years in the Merchant Navy, still wears a Navy type blue raincoat and a white silk scarf. His co-writer was an Irishman, one Mary Molloy, who also favours a raincoat (fawn), which he sometimes wears at the piano.

"You can say it was written by two North London boys," says Mr Molloy.

How did this song come to be written at all?

Mark Molloy explains: "Harry and I were in Whitehall one morning at 5.30. We saw a lot of men with a coach, rehearsing or some such thing."

"I said, 'What a number—in a golden coach there's a heart of gold, eh?' And Harry agreed with me. We wrote it down there and there on the inside of a cigarette packet."

Miss Winifred Atwell, the West Indian chemist, who found more fame as a singing pianist on the music halls than ever she did among the test-tubes in Old Trinidad, wrote: "Coronation Rag" one night after the show in Glasgow.

So there they are, three Coronation hits, and the people behind them.

Easy to write a "better" one, you think?

Maybe, but don't give up your job on the off-chance. Less than a dozen people in Britain make a full-time living writing songs, and for every hit there are a dozen duds.

POCKET CARTOON By OSBERT LANSACER



A FRESH BREEZE BLOWS THROUGH THE DUSTY HALLS OF BRITISH CRICKET

By ARCHIE QUICK

For the first time in history two young men are at the helm of the Marylebone Cricket Club, and a fresh breeze is sweeping through the dusty halls of the sport. Mr Ronnie Aird (Hampshire) and Mr Bill Griffith (Sussex) are a Secretary and Assistant Secretary still active to play the game, and that has not happened before in the MCC.

Gone are the days when Lord Hawke said "I hope I never live to see a professional captain of England." Strange, too, that a Yorkshireman got the job. Lord Hawke also refused anyone but a home-bred Tyke a place in the Yorkshire eleven, although he and Cecil Parkin were the two exceptions to the rule.

One of the biggest reforms in post-war cricket has been the special registration which is the nearest approach to the Soccer transfer system, and, although several of the greybeards of Lord's have gone white, it has enabled weaker counties to raise their standard and give some of the established sides a harder fight.

Thus we find that the present Worcestershire side consists of two Australians (Tribbe and Livingston), four Yorkshiremen (Brookes, Fiddling, Barrick and Jekeman), three Lancastrians (Nutter, Oldfield and Broderick), one man of Surrey (Caprice), Freddie Brown, the only amateur, and one home-bred man (Clarke). The purists may not like it, but it does make for keener sport and better spectacles for the paying public.

Assistant MCC Secretary Bill Griffith plays Sunday games at his home, Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex, and very pleasant days they make too. There he told me that he anticipated further reforms to brighten the game.

"No one realises more than the MCC," he said, "that cricket is on an awkward spot. The game might easily have gone bankrupt this summer if it had not been for the visit of the Australians. But there is to be a drive to give the spectator greater value for his money on and off the field."

One county which has no financial fears is Worcestershire. They were the originators of the Supporters' Club which runs a sweepstake on football matches. It has brought in this winter £450 net a week to the club and they are embarrassed with

riches. Increased players' wages and ground improvements will be the chief channels to benefit.

Best of the cricket stories this season was told me by George Cox, the Sussex cricketer. He has received a letter from a 73-year-old cricket supporter in Freetown (Lancs). "I was so glad to see you get three wickets at Old Trafford last week and to see you looking so fit. I have been turning over records," says the letter.

The writer then gives details of a match between Sussex and Oxford University on June 24, 1899, and at the tail-end of the batting order after Brann, Marlow, "Ranji", Killick, Newham, C.L.A. Smith, Vine, Parris, Tate and Bland comes Cox "O".

Continues the letter with the scorpion sting in its tail: "It was a pleasure to see again someone who was playing first-class cricket in the 19th century. May you have many more years in sport!"

Comment of present-day George Cox JUNIOR: "Well, I've risen in the batting order if I am not getting any more runs!"

The 1899 Cox was, of course, the late father of young George, who was born in 1911.

NOT GOING DOWNHILL

"Cricket is not going downhill as some critics aver," says Andy Sandham, the little man who used to open with Jack Hobbs for Surrey and England. On the second day of the Surrey match versus Australians at the Oval, and with the match virtually over, paid to see the last rites, and after the luncheon interval, with Surrey in an even more hopeless position and only four of their wickets to fall a second gate had to be opened to cope with the crowd who wanted to see the finish.

"Does that look as though cricket is nearly dead?" says Andrew. As chief coach of the side which won the County Championship last season for the first time for 100 years, he has his opinion on English cricket being worth while listening to.

"Bad coaching has instilled the wrong fundamental principles into many of our promising young batsmen," he says. "They play too far away from their bats. You must get on to the line of the ball and play down it. It is no good holding your bat out away from your body. It should almost scrape your pads as you play the stroke. A lot of would-be England players are not doing that. That is why Lindwall and Miller get through their defences so easily."

In these opening weeks of the season, Lindwall or one of his colleagues have put the "duck" sign on the very players expected to start the England tourings—while other probable likes Compton, Fletcher, Bailey have all been dismissed for single scores, although Trevor Bailey has since redeemed himself for the MCC at Lord's against the touring Australians. It looks as though the all-rounder No. 6 position in the First Test at Nottingham, it seems that all you have to do is put a large green cap on anyone in white flannels and England batsmen are his "rabbits" no matter who he is!

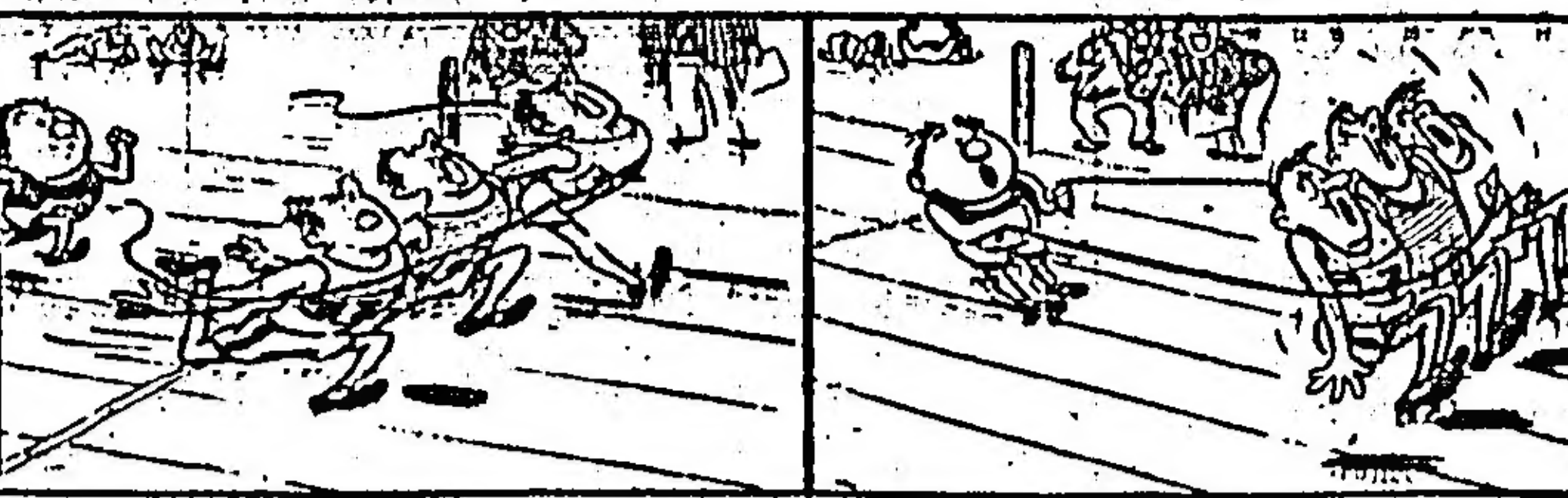
Bearing in mind the way Archie McLaren found Sydney Barnes playing minor cricket for Staffordshire and made him the greatest Test bowler of all time, he ventured to suggest to Sandham that there were just as good a chance of a different matter. League cricket as there are in the County Championship. He would have none of it.

"League cricket is a one-day affair where the professional has to hit out to get his runs and bonus and the bowlers have half-made wickets on which to operate for their collection money. That would not do in a five-day Test."

"In these the opposition bowls 'light' and to hit out at all and sundry would be fatal. Likewise a League bowler would find Test wickets quite a different matter. I do not say there are not good cricketers in the League, but they would need a lot of educating for Tests. Why, even Lindwall has not been a great success in Lancashire where they are no respecters of reputation."

SPORTING RAM

By Reg. Wootton



England's Batsmen Are Second To None

Says PATSY HENDREN

Stan McCabe, who was one of Australia's greatest batsmen in pre-war Test cricket, has given it as his opinion that the present batting strength of the tourists is sufficient to win the Ashes.

I will allow him the point that Lindsay Hassett's side comprises some really fine batsmen—men like Arthur Morris, Neil Harvey, Keith Miller, young Graeme Hole, and Hassett himself—but they have yet to prove to me that they are superior to England's own Test batsmen.

Stan says "Tests are won or lost according to the batting ability of the teams as a whole; so when one side is in the enviable position of having no fall to wag, it must surely have the edge over an opposing team whose fall is likely to wag vigorously."

That, surely, is cricket logic, and yet I cannot agree with him that England will have a "vigorously wagging tail." Let's look at her batting resources. Have the Australians an opening batsman to compare with Len

Hutton? Of course not. Len is still the world's finest opening bat. For his partner, there is Cyril Washbrook, still capable of standing up to anything the Australian "battery" can sling at him; or Reg Simpson, a really beautiful batsman when he gets going, and one of the most confident players of fast bowling in the world (despite what happened in the Australia v MCC match at Lord's).

Then, there is Don Kenyon, who hit a hundred off the Aussies in the opening match of

the tour; Jack Robertson, of Middlesex; and David Sheppard. Provided "the man in form" is chosen as Len Hutton's opening partner, I see no reason why the England side should not get the start that will give it the confidence it needs for big scores.

A FIGHTER

Bill Edrich is another of England's reputable batsmen in form at the moment. Bill's a fighter; just the sort of man to have on your side when you are in a tight corner. So is Denis Compton. Oh, yes, I know all about that run of misfortune that resulted in his deposition from England's Test ranks last summer, but I can tell you from personal association with Denis that he is not only playing really well, but he has, inside up to his mind to regain his former status in England's team—and that means a lot.

What is more, both Edrich and Compton are all-rounders. Trevor Bailey is another—a fine batsman, a bowler of pace, and a brilliant fielder. Bailey is a very good cricketer, and what is more important, he never knows when he has had enough.

Peter May and Tom Graveney are two of England's younger batsmen who, undoubtedly, are worthy of the Test recognition they have already received. But they are not yet quite matured, and it may be they will have to give way to more experienced batsmen until England has gained the psychological advantage over the Australian attack. I am all in favour of playing men in form, and for that reason I think England should open the Test series with some of the older stalwarts who KNOW the Australians and can play them at their own game. Jack Ikin is a name that comes readily to mind—and he is another all-rounder, too.

As for that "fall" Stan McCabe talks about, perhaps the England eleven will include one or two bowlers with little pretensions to batting class; and yet, even then, I hesitate to agree with McCabe. Alec Bedser has scored runs in his time. So has Jim Laker; in fact, the tall Surrey bowler has proved himself a run-getter in many a tight corner. Even Tony Lock has shown, this season, that he knows how to handle a bat. As for Godfrey Evans, you don't need me to remind you of his batting performances in post-war Tests.

I have still made no reference to Willie Watson, of Yorkshire—a real fighter at the wicket, and one who is capable of shouldering his full responsibility in the middle order.

Stan McCabe has said the Australians are superior to any team England can muster in both batting and bowling strength. I disagree with him on the first point. England's batsmen are second to none, and the Old Country won't give anything away when it comes to bowling either, as I shall try to explain to you.

NEXT ARTICLE: ENGLAND'S BOWLERS WILL NOT FAIL HER.

We Do Not Want To See Woodcock Hurt In A Comeback

Says GEORGE WHITING

My friend Bruce Woodcock, pugilist-turned-publican, wants to become a pugilist-turned-publican-turned-pugilist. He is after your money—in return for which he promises to comport himself with the utmost vigour against any other heavyweight you care to name. If you think it's a bad bargain—stay away.

Woodcock, 38, seeks renewal of the boxing licence he surrendered in November 1950. You remember the circumstances. After losing his championship to Jack Gardner, he told us all that his future "would be spent 'With the missus, the two kids and the garden'."

"You might as well know that I have never been able to focus my right eye properly since it was operated on after Joe Bial broke my jaw," said Woodcock. That was the apparent end of a profitable but pain-racked career. We reckoned that Woodcock, the thrifty ex-miner, was entitled to "every penny of the £40,000 we guessed he had tucked away at his new house at Sprotborough, Yorkshire."

PUNCHES TO PINTS
The brass was in the bank, the family were settled, his parents had been provided for, and, to complete the prospect of comfortable middle-age, Woodcock began to pull pints for thirsty miners as "mine host at The Angel at Bolsover."

But the fighting urge is strong, especially in a cash-conscious Yorkshireman with nuggets in his knuckles.

Woodcock's father, the little man who taught him boxing in the back yard, felt ill and is still ill. The aged eyes grew stronger. British heavyweight form slumped. Tommy Farr was making money at 30.

Gradually, circumstances piled up to make a return to the ring look good business. Woodcock, always conscientious in his training, warred off a w a i s t l i n e by undertaking hundreds of miles on the road. He plays football and cricket, is knocking younger spar-mates over like ninepins.

Shrewd judges would concede him a chance right now with the aim of competing at contemporary British heavyweights. "Everything sounds rosy. But would YOU like the responsibility of ushering Woodcock back to boxing?" I would not.

REMEMBER
I should forget the finance, I should remember instead, that Woodcock bought his retirement at bitter cost in pain and physical distress; that he himself has confessed to an eye that would not focus.

Above all, I should remind myself that the degradation of professional boxing—and they are legion—would make enormous and raucous capital of any further hurt suffered by the man we like to remember as a brave and worthy British champion.

I have been talking to Woodcock and his manager brother.

Marciano Cancels Far East Tour

Brockton, Mass., June 2. The world heavyweight champion, Rocky Marciano—home for the first time since he knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in Chicago on May 15—has called off his planned exhibition tour of the Philippines and Korea.

"We called off the tour," he said last night, "because it would take too much time. It would be too close to the next fight. I would like to go, but I am afraid it would be too much for me, everything taken into consideration."

Asked whether he would rather fight Roland La Starza or ex-champion Elmer Charles, he said: "Well, I am going to fight both of them eventually, but I think I would rather fight La Starza first."—Reuter.

BOXER INJURED
Melbourne, June 1. Reg Mack, who was knocked out in a fight for the Australian heavyweight title last Friday, was rushed to hospital today suffering from a brain haemorrhage.

Mack, a Victorian boxer, was beaten by a British migrant, Ken Brdy, in the eighth round of a 15-round bout.—Reuter.

Major League Baseball

New York, June 3. The Brooklyn Dodgers returned today after a four-week absence by naming their current winning streak to 10 games with a doubleheader sweep of last night's Philadelphia Phillies. The Dodgers got their chance to move up when the Cincinnati Reds defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 8-0 in the first game of a twin bill before Milwaukee came back to win the second by the same score.

Big Gil Hodges, who now has completely emerged from his long slump, was the betting hero of the Dodgers' first game win. After driving in an earlier run with a single, he cracked a two-run homer in the last of the fifth with a single that scored Jackie Robinson, and another run was scored on the play when Pirate centerfielder Charles Bernier bobbed the ball. The rally gave Gil Hodges his sixth win, though he needed some ninth-inning help from Jim Hughes.

Rockie Bob Milliken hurtled the nightcap for the Dodgers which was held to six and a half innings by the Phillies. The only hit to his six was Gil Hodges' home run and Jackie Robinson's three singles gave him support.

Four-Run Rally
The Red Sox won their opener from the Braves in a four-run rally in the eighth inning, which included three walks and doubles by Ted Kluszewski and route going pitcher Hubbs Church.

The third place Cardinals downed the Chicago Cubs 6-2 at St. Louis behind the six-hit pitching of Harvey Haddix, who won his sixth game as he fanned 10 batters.

The Giants at Philadelphia 5-0 was halted with the first place New York Yankees got six-hit pitching from Johnny Sain and beat the Athletics 7-1. Alex Keller, who had shut out the Yankees twice before this year, this time yielded seven runs, 11 hits before bowing out in the sixth inning. It was the fourth straight win for the Yankees, their 10th in the first 12 games.

Bob Lemon of the Cleveland Indians evened his record at 4-3 by pitching an eight-inning shutout to beat the Detroit Tigers 8-1. Lemon, who gave up a seventh inning run on Bob Niekman's double and Jim Delinger's single, knocked out in two runs himself.

Bill Glynz struck homers for the tribe. The Washington Senators swept a doubleheader from the Boston Red Sox, 5-4 and 6-0. Chicago made 15 hits in a 7-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals. St. Louis retained the same 7-4 edge. To-day's major League baseball scores were:

Team	Score
Philadelphia	5-0
New York	10-0
Brooklyn	6-2
St. Louis	8-0
Chicago	6-2
Cleveland	8-1
Detroit	8-1
Washington	5-4
Boston	5-4
San Francisco	7-1
Los Angeles	7-1
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Pinza Becomes Favourite For The Derby

London, June 1. Sir Gordon Richards' Epsom Derby mount Pinza was established favourite for the historic race at a betting call-over of London's bookmakers on Monday night.

Pinza was quoted at 5-1 and Queen Elizabeth's Aureole at 11-2. At the last call-over, Thursday, Pinza and Aureole were joint favourites at 4-1.

World champion jockey Sir Gordon Richards has never won a Derby in 33 years racing. Sir Gordon, now 49, on Monday talked about retiring and taking up training this year or next. Thus this year's Derby may be his last chance of winning the race. It will be run over 1½ miles on Saturday.

Premontion is third favourite at 6-1. William Humble's Naurua, winner of the 2,000 Guineas and favourite for the race until lameness interrupted his training, is now a 17-2 chance. He went out to 100-6 at the last call-over.

Naurua's price shortened after a training spin on Monday. Captain Charles Elsey, the colts' trainer, said: "The colt went very well and pulled up sound. There is every chance he will be started at Epsom Saturday."

Good Brandy, owned by Mr Stirling Clark, of Upperville, Pennsylvania, is now at 100-6. Previously he was quoted at 100-7.

Other odds for the race were: Shikamoor, 100-6; Novarullah and Star of the Forest, 10-1; Chatsworth, 20-1; Empire Honey, Phazel and Prince Catarina, 25-1; Finn Horse, Mountain King and Fellemedad, 40-1 and Prince Charming, 50-1.—Associated Press.

PROBABLE RUNNERS

London, June 2. Thirty-one probable runners and jockeys for the 174th running of the Derby over 12 furlongs at Epsom on June 6 are: Aureole (W. H. Carr), City Scandal (A. P. Taylor), Harel (J. Doyasbere), Barrowby Court (T. Carver), Prince Canarina (E. C. Elliott), Good Brandy (D. Smith), Kithyra (W. Smith), Durham Castle (A. Roberts), Timberland (G. Littlewood), Jaffa Two (J. Egan), Mountain King (T. Gosling), Chatsworth (S. Clayton), Naurua (E. Britt), Shikamoor (C. Smyke), Amado Mio (No Jockey), Oatler (Lad E. Fordyce), Gala Performance (H. Weston), Fo Shaling (S. Wragg), Prince Charming (F. Hunter), Scipio (No Jockey), Craftsman (No Jockey), Novarullah (P. Foxe), Empire Honey (W. Rickaby), Roll (No Jockey), Fellemedad (A. Breasley), Peter So Gay (P. Evans), Pinza (Sir Gordon Richards), Pink Horse (W. R. Johnston), Windy (F. Baxlow), Star of the Forest (K. Goshin) and Premonition (E. Smith).

THE ODDS

The probable runners and jockeys for the 174th running of the Derby over 12 furlongs at Epsom, June 6, are: Ambiguity (J. Mercer), Brojy (E. C. Elliott), Tudor God-

Indians Lead Overseas Contingent In The Lancashire League

There has been a switch from the post-war dominance of Australian cricket professionals to that of Indians in Lancashire League cricket, which opens its 61st season.

Of the thirteen overseas professionals seven are Indians and one a Pakistani. Three are Australians and two West Indians, while Todmorden have the only Englishman—Yorkshire-born Eric Denison, a left arm spin bowler and left-handed batsman entering his fifth season in the League.

Of last season's professionals eight have gone. Lindwall comes back with the Australian touring team; Carrigan, Madden and Rayner have returned home "down under"; Alley and Dooland are now with Blackpool and Nottinghamshire respectively.

County Cricket Results

London, June 2. The following were the results of cricket matches which ended today:

At Sheffield: The match between Yorkshire and Glamorgan was abandoned with no decision. There was no play today because of rain. Yorkshire 308 for seven declared. Glamorgan 128 for four.

At Coventry: The match between Warwickshire and Somerset was abandoned as a draw because of rain. Somerset 323 for nine declared and 99 for three. (Gimblett 50). Warwickshire 448 for five declared (Gardner 187, H. Dollery 173).

At Lords: The match between Middlesex and Northamptonshire was abandoned with no decision because of rain. Northamptonshire 323 for nine declared. Middlesex 244 for nine.

At Burton-on-Trent: Derbyshire beat Worcestershire by three wickets. Worcestershire 233 and 80 (Jackson five for 35, Morgan four for 20). Derbyshire 178 and 182 for seven (Hamer 57, Jenkins three for 24).

At Oxford: Leicestershire beat Oxford University by five wickets. Oxford University 228 and 243 (Stirrell 57, Dowling not out 58, Walsh eight for 115). Leicestershire 209 for seven declared and 83 for five.

At Manchester: Surrey beat Lancashire by eight wickets. Lancashire 225 and 139 (Hilton 55, Surridge five for 46). Alec Bedser five for 62). Surrey 283 and 103 for three (Eric Bedser 50).

At Bedford: Essex drew with Sussex. Rain. Sussex 404 for seven declared and 93 for no wicket declared (Sheppard not out 58). Essex 324 (Insole 129, Oakman five for 57) and 14 for one.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire drew with Hampshire. Hampshire 375 and 92 for two. Gloucestershire 393 (Wilson 94, Lambert not out 62). Rain restricted play.—Reuter.

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KEN SMITH Show Talking

Britain Makes A Star By Giving Him Films To Do!

PEOPLE have criticised me: "You're as bad as the Palladium's Val Parnell; you only put American stars at the top of your bill. How about going all over British some time?"

So this week I will—thanks to the Rank Organisation.

Meet Mr Donald (The Cruel Sea) Sinden, a British film actor who's being given a most unusual build-up to stardom—he's making films.

And that, friends, after a series of "stars" whose reputations rest on opening garden fetes, autographing photographs and making personal appearances, is news.

Just look at this 28-year-old, six-footer's schedule. First, The Cruel Sea; second—the moment that epic was finished—a role with Clark Gable and Ava Gardner in Mogambo.

No. 3 is A Day To Remember, a comedy which producer Betty Box is just finishing at Pinewood.

And this month he begins work as the star of Edwin Hyman's hilarious fantasy Sinner (you'll see it on the screen, I'm sorry to say, as You Know What Sailors Are).

This Technicolor film puts Donald back in the Senior Service—only this time he'll make you laugh.

Four pictures in his first year in film—it must be a British record.

Donald himself remains unmoved by the fame and the tidy fortune.

He looks less like a film star than almost any man I know. His neat suit and the white collar, his shy smile and quiet manner, stamp him as more like that pleasant chap next door who lends you his lawnmower, rather than the successful entertainer.

Agate's Advice

THE son of a Sussex chemist, he threw up architecture for the stage. When repertory work failed to pay off, he sought advice from the late James Agate.

The famous critic's reply: "Join a dramatic school."

Donald did. Then came more repertory, tours of France, Belgium, Germany, India and Burma playing to the Forces, a season with the London and Bristol Old Vics. And then a long West End stint in The Heiress.

Finally, while playing in Red Letter Day he was spotted and tested for The Cruel Sea.

Sim As Co-star

DONALD'S only comment about his new status: "I believe I'm finding out what this filming business is all about."

He will have Alastair Sim as co-star in You Know What Sailors Are, and Ken Annakin as director.

Annakin will use the pre-planning training he received while making Walt Disney's Robin Hood and The Sword and The Rose, with the meticulous use of drawn cartoons of each shot, which I told readers about last year.

Production will be in the hands of Peter Rogers—hus-

band of Betty Box—his first film as a producer.

A Popular Bully DONALD'S colleague from The Cruel Sea, Stanley Baker, gets a break now George Sanders has withdrawn from the cast of Knights of the Round Table. ("Filming with Rossellini in Italy was too much. I'm completely worn out. I must go back to Hollywood for a rest"). He takes Sanders' role.

Twenty-six-year-old Stanley, who portrayed the boor and braggart Bennett, is steadily making a name for himself—as a bully.

Following The Big Jump and Hell Below Zero, both with Alan Ladd, he takes over as Mordred, arch foe of King Arthur, in MGM's remake, due to start at Elstree next month.

Late Overture

A STAPLE item in any musical is the overture. In the new Richard Rodgers-Oscar Hammerstein II show, Mr and Juliet, opening in New York on Thursday (arriving Drury Lane sometime in 1953) the overture is missing from its time-honoured, pre-curtain rise, position.

But don't get alarmed. There is an overture, but it is not heard until 15 minutes after the curtain rises.

It is at a point when the plot-within-a-plot calls for an overture—and gets it.

Another Mutiny

FRED MACMURRAY has joined the all-star cast for Stanley Kramer's production of The Caine Mutiny (like The Cruel Sea, also serialised in the Sunday Chronicle).

He will have the role of Keeler. Already signed: Jose Ferrer (Lawyer Greenwald) and Van

Johnson, with Humphrey Bogart as Captain Queeg. Shooting starts July 1.

Studio Quandary MGM are in a quandary. The 5,000,000-dollar damages suit they were bringing against Mario Lanza, has been "settled by mutual agreement."

Lanza has given the studios the right to use his recordings of the Sigmund Romberg songs in The Student Prince.

But Mario will not appear in the film. He recorded the songs before the film was postponed last year.

Meantime, MGM had hoped that Vic Damone would take over Lanza's role; but now that the Lanza voice will be used Mr Damone is not so keen.

His Ambition

EDGAR BERGEN, who arrived in London last week, tells me that he would like to re-make The Great Gatsby—the original version starred Erich von Stroheim 24 years ago—with James Mason as a ventriloquist, Charlie McCarthy as the dummy and himself as the voice.

Short Takes

BRITAIN'S Veronica Hurst, who went to Hollywood to make The Affair will stay on and do a second picture—The African Rifles, an adventure romance in colour.... David O. Selznick, at present in London with wife Jennifer Jones, plans a musical stage version of Gone With The Wind.... It's James Stewart and June Allyson for The Glenn Miller Story.... The British film No Bed For Her Own has been changed to Don't Blame The Stork.... Hm!

Already signed: Jose Ferrer (Lawyer Greenwald) and Van

THE BATTLING JOAN CRAWFORD SPANS THE YEARS BETWEEN THESE TWO PICTURES

Dancing again: A notable girl of 45

DAVID LEWIN

cables from the Film City his Hollywood Spotlight

Hollywood.

WHEN Joan Crawford started work again at the studio which a quarter of a century ago made her a star, Clarke Gable sent a basket of chocolates from Italy as a present. Fred Astaire visited her carrying a forest of roses, and her poodle had a new bed with a red silk cover.

Joan Crawford's return gave the Sunset Boulevard story vivid life. She is a star in the old style and she is the only one left at work.

Gloria Swanson is silent again. Norma Shearer, who was Crawford's great rival, is at my hotel, still blonde and attractive, but saying, "No one remembers me today."

So Youthful

But Joan Crawford, 45-years-old, with red hair, a youthful figure and wide snapping eyes, is back showing the youngsters how it should be done.

Five secretaries tend her. Her dressing-room (former tenant, Ava Gardner) is a suite with even the curtains perfumed.

Miss Crawford has moved in a radio and refrigerator, a stove, a special chair and her own bedding. She sleeps there six nights a week and goes home on Sundays.

'My Struggle'

Why is she the last of her line? Joan Crawford thrusts the answer at you: "In my day it was a struggle and I battled for my position. You had to be tough to stay, and I had a hard driving ambition which I had to throttle down to prevent myself becoming hard all through."

"Today's stars are pampered and they become lazy. They sit back and let someone make them up. I do my own. They learn a few lines and they act."

"That isn't enough. I know the hardness of life. I was three years out of work (1938-41). I was box-office poison then. I struggled and I came back. 'Idleness equals



Today, singing and dancing again, she is the screen for the first time in 13 years. Joan Crawford hardly has the appearance of a 45-year-old woman. Yet think of a child born when the small photograph of Joan was taken would now be 25....

favourite is Love for Sale, which I gave to Elizabeth Welch.

Judy Garland, sitting on the floor with a blue dress billowing out around her "like a sand-stool," sang it while Cole Porter beat time with his stick. Richard Burton stood up to proclaim Shakespearean soliloquies to music and shot his

dress shirt cuffs, revealing they were fastened with safety pins.... And everyone laughed at a letter from Noel Coward in London, in which he described himself as "The Mistinguett of the West End night clubs." Then we all went quietly home.

High Drama

WHO SAID elephants were lucky? On the film "Elephant Walk" they just mean accidents.

First Vivien Leigh. Then Elizabeth Taylor. Now it is British actor Abraham Sofaer. He has to do a scene in which a (clockwork) trunk sweeps him into the air. It jannimed.

Sofaer was held aloft gripped tight-

Crawford, 1928

Marx Brother

GROUCHO MARX faced eight cameras, peered at the audience which had come to watch the filming of his weekly television show, and said: "They didn't pay to get in; their standards are real low."

Groucho's new career as a quiz-master on a TV show gives him every opportunity to exercise his stringent wit generally at the expense of his audience or the contestants in the quiz.

"I never find anything that I say funny. I marvel that others do. Then he stepped forward to introduce his own opinion is that his greatest fight was against Bae, not Louis.

One of the quiz team claimed that he was from Britain and said: "I have a home that goes back to the fifteenth century."

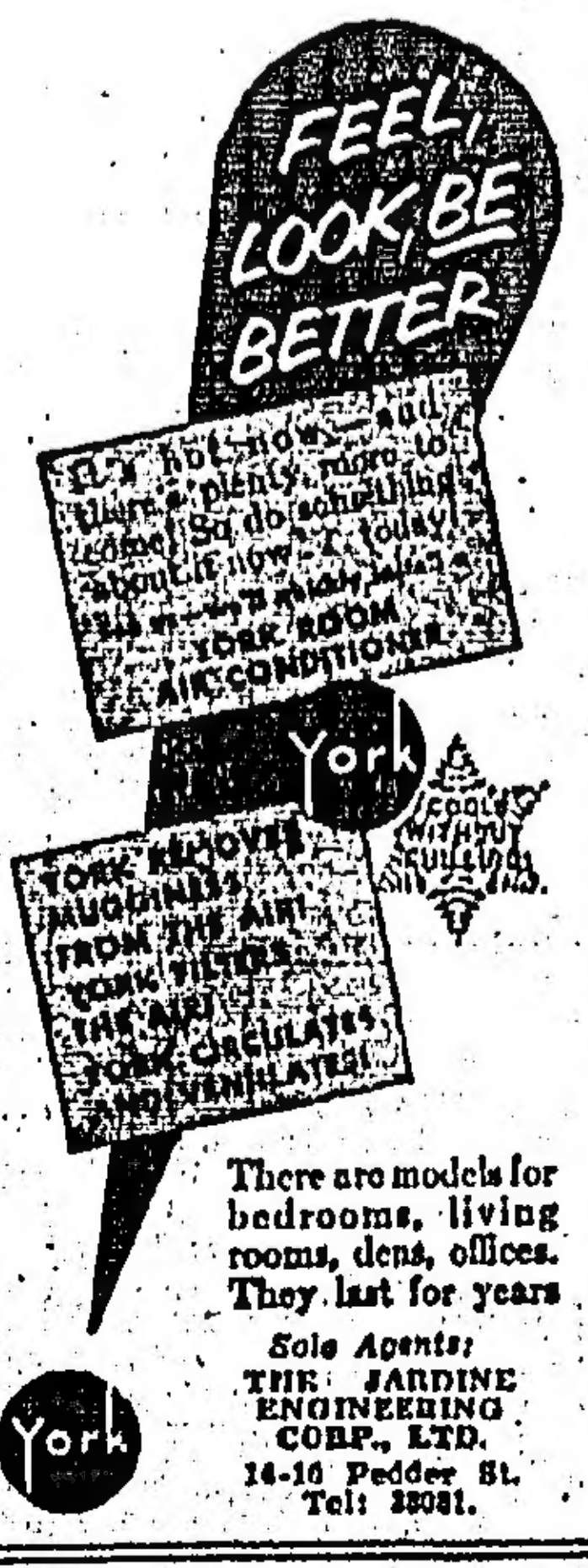
Said Groucho: "That's all right. I have a home that goes back to the Bank of America."

Party Lines

AT MY FIRST big Hollywood party, the hostess Joan Feldman, wife of a Hollywood producer and agent, wore a white frock, a pleasant smile, and a camera with a flashlight round her neck. Through the evening she took pictures.

This was a formal party—everyone in evening dress. Cole Porter, a younger-looking Cochran with a stick, sat at the piano helping the pianist with his own compositions.

"I write music because I am stage struck," Porter said. "My



A Lot Of Sadness At The End Of The Road

Tommy Farr has retired from the ring irrevocably. Perhaps the best of all British heavyweights—with the exception of Bob Fitzsimmons—Farr has been handicapped the entire course of his comeback these past two years with a particularly badly cut eye. The injury was aggravated in his final Championship eliminator with Don Cockell, so now the Welsh warrior cries "Enough" on doctors' advice.

When I visited him at his charming Hove home, backing on to the Sussex County Cricket Ground, his charming wife, "Monty," voiced how thankful she was that it was all over.

"For two years now," she said, "I have been under almost unbearable strain, and I almost feel that I have suffered almost as much as the ringside as Tommy has inside it."

Farr, who always carries the deeply ingrained facial scars of his days below ground in the Rhonda Valley collieries, said: "There is a lot of sadness at the end of the road, and it has been a long one. I have been fighting for over a quarter of a century."

HKFC BOWLS TEAM

The following are the H.K.F.C. selections for the postponed First Division lawn bowls match against the C.C.C. now taking place at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday.

G. Verrall, T. Styles, T. Morgan, M. N. Rakison, R. Flaxman, W. McColl, E. Liddell, K. Forrow, E. F. Gee, T. Dyer, J. Watson, B. I. Bickford. Reserve—J. Taylor.

In pit rough and tumbles, booths, third rate tournaments, and headliners and they led me to the New York ring for the World Championship. Much has been said and written about that fight, but, candidly, my honest opinion is that Joe Louis just beat me.

"My big pride was that I had upheld British boxing. I was comfortably situated financially when the War came, but after it was over I lost a five figure sum in business ventures in which I was a baby. So I had to go back into the ring at an advanced age to keep my wife and family."

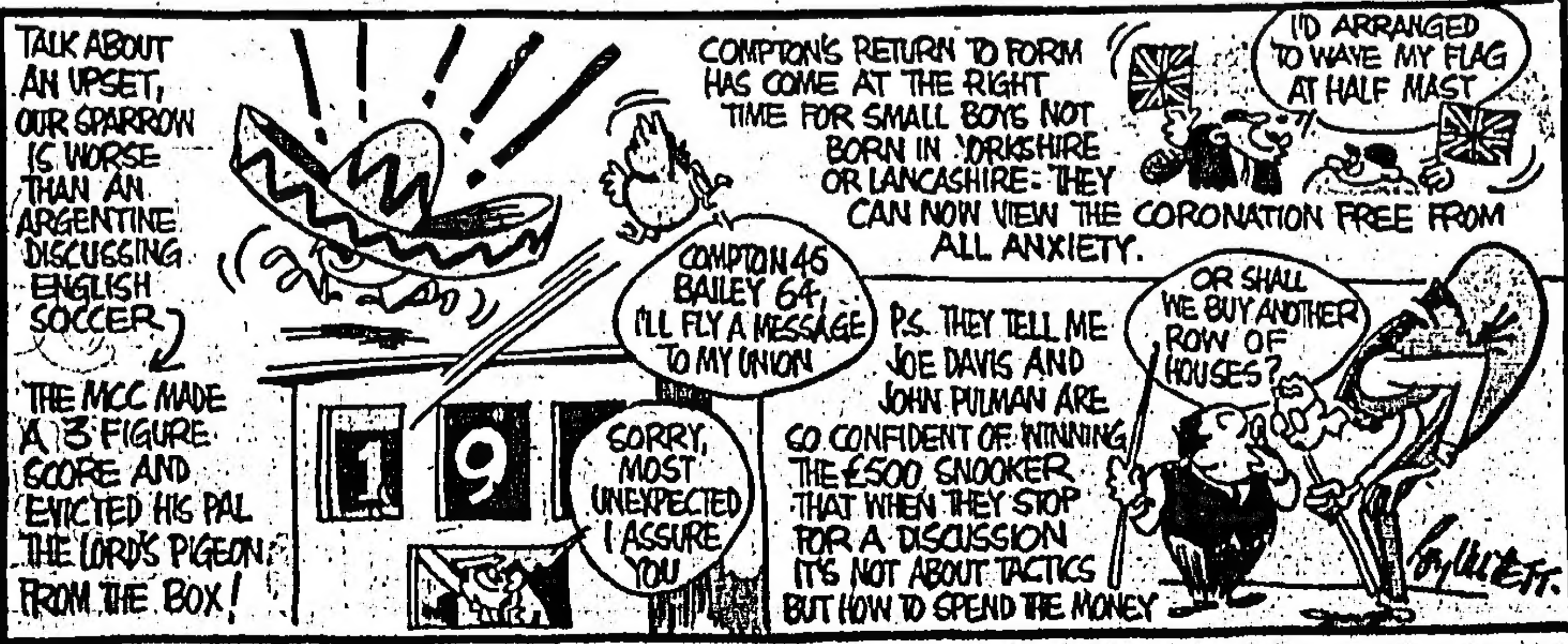
"We have never been broke, far from it, but more money was needed to be secure. I honestly thought that I could win back the British title for which I was never beaten, but the years defeated me. My legs went back on me, the reflexes were slower,

though my wind and technique were unimpaired."

Farr may have been a novice in the business world, but there is as much of the poet in him as in any Celt, and, like Freddie Mills, he can talk engagingly on many subjects. What of the future? Tommy has a yen for journalism, and a series of articles he is shortly to publish in a work, unlike so many reports that appear under the names of famous sportsmen.

From the time Tommy lifted himself out of the ruck following his defeat by Eddie Phillips for the Cruiserweight Championship at Mountain Ash I saw all his Championship and top-of-the-bell fights—Ford, Neusel, Olin, Bear, Loughran, etc.—and Farr's own opinion is that his greatest fight was against Bae, not Louis.

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Fluorescent Lighting For Mosque

The Grand Mosque at Mecca is to have fluorescent lighting supplied by a leading Birmingham firm.

A British engineer flew to Jedda to design appropriate fittings. He was handicapped by his inability, for religious reasons, to go to Mecca, which, as the birthplace of Mohammed and the centre in which the Islamic faith originated, is accessible only to those of the Moslem faith. He had to rely on photographs, on basic measurements made by his agents and on a pilgrim's plan of the Mosque.

Lighting is to be furnished for the arched cloister, the courtyard, the Kaaba which enshrines the famous Black Stone, the approaches to the twenty-four entrances to the courtyard, and the minarets. For the arcade, there will be 225 special fluorescent fittings in bronze metal with covers, each housing six 5 ft. 80-watt tubes, above each fitting will be a panel, bearing the word "God" in Arabic script.

For the courtyard there will be 28 decorative fluorescent floodlights on new concrete poles, each consisting of a sky-blue shallow dome beneath which will be 12 ft. 40-watt tubes radiating from the top of the like wheel spokes. White channelling of the dome's internal surface will reflect the light and each floodlight will be surrounded by the word "God" in Arabic script.

Some existing posts round the Kaaba will be used to support 28 new bronze lanterns, and there will be 36 wall bracket lanterns for the gateway.

The final problem was how to floodlight the seven minarets from which the muezzin call the faithful to prayer. The side of each minaret facing outwards will have two floodlights with mercury lamps to give a pale blue tint to the masonry; on the other side there will be narrow angle floodlights with 1,000 watt tungsten projector lamps, and these will reveal the architecture. The total lighting load will be about 200 kilowatts. The system replaces bare lamps hanging from flex.

It's Just As Easy As Falling Off A Ladder

The greatest peril in all industry is—falling off a ladder.

The discovery was made by Sir George Barnett, Chief Inspector of Factories, after a year's analysis of accidents.

His survey includes those handling atomic materials and the most deadly poisons. Discussing his report, he said: "The building industry is not as safety conscious as one would wish." More than 27 per cent of all accidents from falls happened at building sites.

TEMPTATION

Sir George's report, which covers 1951, says that 73 accidents—22 fatal—occurred mostly because ladders were not secured against slipping or because the ladder was too short for the job and the user was tempted to try to reach "that extra inch."

Sir George remarks: "The remedy is so simple that it should be unnecessary to labour the point. Any ladder that is not secured is a potential death trap."

Handling radio-isotopes such as the Harwell Atomic Establishment's product Cobalt 60 is "beginning to cause some concern," as it requires a five-inch thick protective lead carrier. Sir George says he is "in close touch with Harwell" about protective measures.

NO FREE BEER
A 50 years' flash-back on the industrial scene leads Sir George to discoveries such as these:

In 1901 a large Scottish bakery advertised "All bread made by hand." In 1951 the same firm boasted of bread "not touched by the human hand."

In 1901 a worker at a High Wycombe factory took three days to make a chair. Now he does it in 40 minutes.

The issue of free beer in "thirsty and unpleasant trades" has ceased, but a Hull works still possesses tallies once used by workmen at the inn across the road.

The tea-trolley has become one of the accepted features of

Sad Plight Of Russians

Montreal, June 2.

The Rev. K. Ludwig Stumpf, Director of the Hongkong Office of the World Council of Churches, has urged Canadians to help 15,000 White Russians living in Communist China in extreme poverty and near starvation.

In an interview yesterday, Mr Stumpf said the White Russian community was made up of people who fled the Russian revolution and children who had been born in exile. The Chinese communists refused to allow them work and the Russians discovered them.

Mr Stumpf said several countries had agreed to take some of the White Russians. Canadian immigration officials told him one problem was lack of consulates in China to "screen" the refugees. He suggested that British consulates could do the "screening."

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Picnics For The Troops In Malaya

Members of the Women's Voluntary Service arrange moonlight picnics for servicemen on local leave in Malaya, according to a report received at WVS headquarters in London.

WVS members in Malaya, by regular visits to jungle units, taking them, whenever possible, trading matter and games.

For those on local leave, the women organise moonlight picnics and visits to temples and other places of interest.

Although the number of volunteers serving overseas with the WVS continues to grow, there is still a need for more recruits to help in the "at-home" in which British troops are stationed—in Germany, Austria, the Middle East, Malaya, Korea and Japan.

At present, WVS personnel stationed in these areas number more than 2,000.

In the Far East, there are 580 volunteers, including six in Malaya, 20 in Korea, and nine in Japan.

All are experienced in every type of welfare work, helping to brighten the daily lives of servicemen.

Plane Turned Out Every Two Hours

Every two working hours, the Havilland aircraft factory at Broughton, in Lancashire, is turning out one of its "at-home" planes. The factory builds Comet 1B jet airliners, the Dove and Heron feeder-liners, and Vampire and Venom jet fighters and trainers. These aircraft go to the British Overseas Airways Corporation, to eleven different nations.



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Oil Share Prospects On The London Stock Exchange

(By Norman Crump, Sunday Times City Editor)

S. AFRICAN TRADING CONDITIONS

Cape Town, June 2.
The Standard Bank of South Africa reports as follows on trading conditions in the Union:

Although demand for diamonds is easing slightly, sales of recent nights in London and Kimberley continued satisfactory. The Union's exports of diamonds in January and February were SA£1.1 million compared with SA£7.3 million in the same months of 1952. Sales of copper rose from 5,239 short tons worth SA£1.5 million to 7,385 short tons worth SA£2.0 million and substantial increases were reflected in figures for iron ore and manganese ore. Sales of chrome ore and asbestos were below totals for the first two months of 1952; the volume of coal sales reflected a slight decline but value rose from SA£2.3 million to SA£2.7 million.—Reuter.

Tubeless Tyre In Britain

London, June 2.
The first British tubeless tyre for cars and commercial vehicles has been announced by the Dunlop Rubber Company. Instead of an inner tube, the tyre has a rubber lining and the rim of the wheel is claimed to give a seal which is proof against any escape of air. The rubber lining prevents air escaping to the fabric of the tyre and the valve is sealed into the wheel rim.

An official of the company claimed that the resistance to pressure loss was twice as efficient as that of a tyre with an ordinary inner tube, and in addition a puncture-seal layer would prevent the escape of air even if a nail pierced the tyre. The price would be only 20 per cent more than the combined price of an ordinary cover and inner tube.—Reuter.

BANKS GIVEN PERMISSION

Frankfurt, June 2.
The Bank Deutscher Laender has announced that it has authorised West German foreign trade banks to purchase D-mark acceptances drawn on persons or organisations in Austria. The acceptances must originate from exports from West Germany or West Berlin to Austria and made payable with the Austrian National Bank or the Austrian Federal Bank at one of the following places: Vienna, Bregenz, Elsenfurt, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz, Salzburg and Villach.

Arab Economic Conference

Beirut, June 2.
The Arab conference on finance and economy ended after achieving what G. Hakim, chairman of the conference, called "a large step toward a wide, more realistic economic collaboration". The conference called on the Secretariat of the Arab League to examine ways of forming an organisation for the financing of major construction works and to form a committee to consider setting up an Arab steamship company.—France-Press.

Japan's Bid

Tokyo, June 2.
Japan, the foremost industrial nation in the Far East, has made a bid to be the site of the 1953 annual meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is holding its current meeting in Vienna this month.

During the past three years commodity prices have risen almost to the skies, and have since come down again. Many a company's accounts bear witness to the resulting disturbance.

Thus only a few days ago J. and P. Coats showed a drop in profits from £8.1 to £3.9 million, entirely explained by the need for writing down stocks by £5.6 million.

Yet, amidst all these violent fluctuations, one commodity (apart from gold) has remained relatively stable in price. This commodity is oil.

This suggests that oil shares should have certain attractions for the investor who wants stability. But if oil prices have remained stable, this is partly due to the way in which American producers hold back production through their system of "pro-rationing".

Broadly speaking, the consumption of oil in highly industrialised countries varies with the general state of trade. At the moment it would be true to say that there are signs of an oil surplus, except in the case of aviation spirit, where there is still a shortage.

One explanation of this is that the refinery capacity lost when Abadan has now been regained by the opening of new refineries in Great Britain and elsewhere. In fact, Great Britain now has for the first time, a surplus of refined oil available for export. Again, whereas in 1950 and 1951 world consumption of oil was increasing at the rate of 12 per cent a year, in 1952 the increase was only 5 per cent. A few months ago a pessimistic view was taken of the 1953 rate of increase, but some people are now feeling more hopeful.

MORE COMPETITION

So far as world demand for oil went, there was a boom during the two years following the outbreak of the Korean war.

The boom is now over, and demand has shrunk to normal dimensions. Simultaneously the increase in refinery capacity means that the industry has become much more competitive. Thanks to the continued growth in world consumption, oil producers and refiners are doing a large volume of business; but they are having to do it at narrower profit margins.

Oil freights have also fallen, and this makes oil cheaper to the ultimate consumer, even though the price of crude oil may have remained unchanged. But this decline has naturally affected oil companies, and several oil companies derive part of their income from their tanker fleets.

MOSTLY SATISFACTORY

This is the background against which the latest accounts of oil companies should be judged. On the whole they are satisfactory. Anglo-Iranian is still feeling the effects of the loss of Abadan, and the gross profit of the group fell from £22.2 million in 1951 to £17.1 million in 1952. Nevertheless the 1951 dividend of 25 per cent was supplemented in 1952 by a cash bonus of 5 per cent.

The market had been hoping for more, but the chairman said that while a more substantial distribution would be warranted, it still seemed wise to conserve the company's financial strength.

Yet, taking the parent company alone, revenue reserves and undistributed profits are £99 million, compared with an issued capital of £23 million.

There is also a special contingency account of £50 million, no doubt earmarked against the loss of Abadan. Still free reserves amounting to three times the total capital—and to nearly five times the Ordinary capital—are an anomaly, which cannot persist indefinitely.

Sooner or later, some of them will have to be capitalised and issued as bonus shares, and simultaneously the amount distributed in dividends could, to quote the chairman's words, be made "more substantial".

SHELL'S DIVIDEND

To a limited extent this is what Shell Transport has done. The actual rate of dividend for 1952 is 15 per cent, tax-free, which is the same as that of the previous year. But in the meantime there was a one-for-four bonus share issue from reserves, and so the true dividend comparison is 18 1/4 per cent against 15 per cent.

Shell Transport's net revenue improved from £7.4 million in 1951 to £8.6 million last year. The earnings of the complete Shell-Royal-Dutch group are considerably larger, but a change in the method of compiling the group's accounts makes it difficult to compare the two years.

Last week Anglo-Iranian was quoted at 5 1/2 offering a yield of 5.0 per cent. Shell stood at 4 3/16, equivalent to a yield of 4.8 per cent.

Both are sound investments, and the most that can be said

British Rail Schemes

Big Improvement In Services

The Railway Executive has been authorised by the British Transport Commission to proceed with three major improvement schemes, at a cost of nearly £4m, which will lead to faster passenger and freight services on several main lines.

The largest of the schemes is the widening of the east coast main line by the addition of two more tracks between Greenwood signal-box and Potters Bar station at a cost of £1,750,000. This will link up with the widening and station reconstruction scheme at Potters Bar authorised last year at an estimated cost of more than £500,000.

Nearly £1m. is to be spent on the modernisation of Crewe North motive power depot, and about the same sum will be spent on a new motive power depot at Thurnaby, near Middlesbrough, mainly to handle the growing industrial traffic of the north-east.

NEW TUNNELS

The widening of the east coast main line, of which a preliminary announcement was made in March, 1952, will involve the construction of two tunnels at Hadley South, Hadley North, and Potters Bar; reconstruction of Hadley Wood station; the abolition of Greenwood signal-box; and an extension of colour-light signalling and track circuiting arrangements.

This route, which is used by the "Flying Scotsman" and other famous expresses to the north, has at present four or more tracks for 22 miles from King's Cross to Welwyn viaduct, except for 2 1/2 miles from Greenwood box to Potters Bar, and for many years this has proved a bottle-neck restricting movement over the whole line.

Between 300 and 350 trains a day go over the four-line stretch between the Hadley and Potters Bar tunnels, and the addition of another line in each direction over this stretch will provide a continuous four-track route throughout the suburban area.

This will enable more trains to be run, will improve punctuality by reducing the extent of repercussion on other trains when some are delayed by the bottle-neck as at present, and will provide for the planned increase in traffic to the north, where the population served by stations from Hadley Wood to Royston is expected to be doubled. It will take five years to complete the scheme, on which work will begin next spring.

MODERNISING DEPOT

Modernisation of the Crewe motive power depot, which services between 120 and 150 locomotives, has been designed to improve the day-to-day inspection and maintenance work on the large express locomotives kept there. The tracks in the old sheds, which date back nearly 100 years, are so close together that this work has been difficult. The new works, to be provided inside two round-houses built round 70ft. turntables, which will provide space for 58 locomotives to be berthed simultaneously.

The Thornaby depot will replace the 70-year-old depot at Middlesbrough and Newport, and will be situated between the Newport marshalling yards and the main Thornaby-Middlesbrough road, opposite the Stockton racecourse. The new depot, which will employ a staff of 1,000 and have an allocation of 22 locomotives when completed, will have two round-houses, each with a 70ft. turntable, and provision will be made for a third if necessary.

The project involves alterations to the existing rail connections to the Newport marshalling yards to provide a speedy passage for the locomotives to and from the new depot, and there will be an additional goods reception line to improve the working of the Newport No. 2 marshalling yard.

POINT FOUR AGREEMENT

Cairo, June 2.
A "Point-Four" agreement (aid to underdeveloped countries) has been signed by the American Ambassador to Egypt, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzy. It provides for the study of the needs and resources of Egypt in agriculture, forestry and fishery.

The United States Government has authorised \$750,000 for carrying out projects recommended by a joint Egyptian-American committee of experts and approved by the Egyptian Government. The Egyptian Government has pledged an equivalent amount in services and material.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL FAIR OPENS IN TORONTO

Hong Kong An Exhibitor

Toronto, June 1.
The world's market-places were jammed into 263,000 square feet today as 1,400 exhibitors from 27 countries, including Hongkong, unveiled national products ranging from cocktail shakers to hair drivers and electronic appliances.

The External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, officially opened the 6th International Trade Fair.

Japan, South Korea, Ireland and Austria were exhibiting for the first time and every inch of space has been snatched up by other nations trying to overcome an adverse balance of trade with Canada.

At least 44 new industries and many more sales agencies established in Canada in the past five years have resulted from successes at similar past fairs.

Construction machinery and tools were the biggest displays, but there were also clothing, glassware, household furnishings, delicate woodcrafts from India, fishing equipment, shot-guns and steel valves.

A Dutch invention, expected to attract the crowds, performs 11 duties, including the shaking of cockles in the United States for work on guided missiles, is on its first display for use in industry.

BIGGEST DISPLAY

Canada's exhibits, machinery responsible for its industrial growth, took over half the floor space. The United Kingdom was the second biggest exhibitor, Germany, whose imports from Canada last year exceeded exports by more than five times, is third in a determined bid to gain her pre-war market. The United States is the fourth largest seller.

The biggest single display was a combination drilling and boring machine. It is so heavy that it sagged through the concrete floor when it was set up. The automobile building, Belgium and France both emphasised machinery. The Netherlands and Austria specialised in textiles and furnishings.

Other exhibitors were India, Sweden, Japan, Spain, Finland, South Africa, Denmark, Jamaica, Norway, Switzerland, Colombia, Guatemala, Hongkong and Pakistan.

Austria had to order a rush shipment of a second consignment of exhibits when the first was tipped by a loading crane and grand pianos, oil paintings and other displays toppled into Toronto harbour.—United Press.

Free Currencies Advocated

Colombo, June 2.
A member of the Australian Senate, Mr. M. C. McCormack, has said here that Australia is keen on establishing free convertibility of currency which would stimulate a greater circulation of private capital among nations.

Mr. McCormack, who is here on a five-day "observation" visit, added that Australia was attracting foreign capital for her own large development programmes. Double taxation had been abolished and attempts were being made to make the repatriation of profits easier all the time, he added.—Reuter.

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INTERIM LICENCES IN S'PORE

Singapore, June 2.
No quotas for the importation of wheat flour under the International wheat agreement will be issued to Malayan importers for the next wheat year starting from August 1953.

Malayan importers, however, can now apply for licences to import wheat from the free market for importation after July 31. Interim licences will be issued to existing quota holders for importation before the end of July.

Notice of the new arrangements was given by the Colony's Controller of Imports and Exports.

The changes were brought about because Britain—the largest importer among the signatories of the international wheat agreement—has not renewed the agreement, which expires on July 1.—United Press.

NO SERVICE OF LOANS

Athens, June 2.
No provision for service of pre-war foreign loans has been made in next year's Greek budget, according to Mr. Papayanis, the Greek Minister of Finance.

The only loans that will be serviced will be: (1) the Import-Export Bank loan of 14 million dollars granted to Greece in 1946. (2) the U.S. Treasury loan of 52 million dollars given to Greece to help her purchase American Army surplus stock.—Reuter.

Interest Rate Reduced

Brussels, June 2.
The Belgian National Bank is reducing from 5 to 4.5 per cent the rate of interest on bills payable to the order of a specified person, loans and advances in current accounts, on short-term treasury bonds and on other Belgian public stock. This is effective from May 21. Other rates of the National Bank remain unchanged.

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ROYAL YACHT SERVICE TO BE REVIVED

The Royal Yacht Service, which ultimately provide the nucleus of the lower deck complement of the new Royal yacht Britannia launched by Her Majesty the Queen on Clydebank on April 16, has been revived by the Admiralty.

On the instructions of Her Majesty, this crew will be limited to those necessary to maintain the ship and man her for short cruises, but when the Yacht is required for prolonged ocean cruises, additional men will be drafted to her. Officers will normally serve the normal two-year period.

It is planned to commission the Yacht at the beginning of 1954 with a full crew of 22 officers and 225 ratings, including Royal Marines; these will be recommended volunteers selected by the Flag Officer, Royal Yachts, Vice-Admiral E. M. C. Abel Smith, CB, CVO.

Men on continuous service or special service engagements will be permitted to volunteer for the Royal Yacht Service provided they have three years of their current engagement still to serve at the time, and selected candidates will have to undergo a year's probation before final acceptance. Then they will receive a continuous allowance of £100 per day, and may expect to remain in the Royal Yacht Service for the rest of their careers, subject to satisfactory performance of duty, medical fitness, conduct and to the necessity for mobilisation for an emergency. Portsmouth will be the Royal Yacht's home port.

WILL COST £1,800,000

The Britannia, which can be converted into a hospital ship in war, is expected to cost about £1,800,000. With a load displacement of about 4,000 tons, she will be about 413 feet long and 380 feet at the water line. Her beam will be 55 ft and her moulded depth about 32 ft. With a white superstructure, and buff funnel and masts, the hull is royal blue with a gleaming gold band below the upper deck, and the Royal Coat of Arms decorates the bow. She will have a modified cruiser stern and a raked bow. Special attention has been paid to her funnel design to reduce smoke.

A portable saluting platform will be provided forward of the bridge for the use of the Queen and there will be means of illuminating ship by a special system of floodlighting, this serving a similar use if the ship is required for mercy duties.

The Royal and State apartments are situated in the after part. Accommodation for the ship's company is forward. In her alternative role the Royal and State apartments would be converted into hospital wards, operating theatres, etc., for which air conditioning is to be fitted. The after end of shelter deck

will be strong enough to allow a helicopter carrying patients, to land on it.

To reduce her roll in bad weather the ship will be fitted with a stabiliser, and she will be equipped with radar to assist navigation. Her distilling capacity will render the ship independent of shore fresh-water supplies if necessary.

CRUSADE IN YACHT

The history of Royal yachts goes back at least to 1168. The first of which there is any record was used by Henry I, and Channel crossings were undertaken in the Royal yacht of Henry II.

The famous Trencher was Richard I's yacht for the Crusades and he was on board her during the battle against the Saracens off Acre in June 1191.

Under the Tudors, Royal yachts became more numerous, and Catherine of Aragon was brought up the Thames in the Royal Yacht Regent for her marriage to Arthur, Prince of Wales, but yachting in the modern sense of the word came in with the Stuarts. Charles II had at least twenty yachts, and characteristically named many of them after his women friends. One of his most famous yachts was named "Fubbs", an old English word meaning fair, plump and chubby, which Charles bestowed on his favourite, Louise de Keroualle, along with the title of Duchess of Portsmouth.

The first known yacht race was Royal. It was between the Victoria and the Duke of York, afterwards James II, and it was sailed from Greenwich to Gravesend and back for a wager of £100. The King lost on the way out but recovered the stakes on the way home.

Nearer to living memory are the Victoria and Alberts—the first of which was launched in April 1843, soon after Queen Victoria began taking an interest in sailing. It was the first to be propelled by steam. The third Victoria and Albert, now awaiting her doom, was first commissioned in July 1901, and was used for Royal occasions right up to the beginning of World War Two.



"So that is how it is done," says Army Cadet Clive Dickinson, from Worthing Grammar School, as Cadet Petty Officer Brian Pinfield, from Portsmouth Northern Grammar School, fixes his cap "straight and well to the fore" in front of the check mirrors at Lee-on-Solent naval air station.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

John Clarke leaves the court to study the West End where the stories begin (No. 2)

Whispering Willie Remembers All

"LET us have a little run-around one or two of the sporting centres of the West End," said Alfred, my sad guide around those parts where crimes often have their beginning.

"As you will have noticed, the people who see a court are sportsmen one and all. Besides, a good deal of business is done in these places, just as I expect big deals are sometimes finished in places such as the Royal Enclosure at Ascot. If you will follow me..."

He led the way down a bonnie alley, into the billiard saloon.

IN THE SMOKE

THE roof was low, and thick blue cigarette smoke did things to the perspective, so it seemed as if there were acres of billiard tables, with men hanging over them with cigarettes drooping from their mouths. We bought a cup of tea, and let our eyes get used to the smoke.

Everyone was playing snooker, and the standard of play was not very high, which I remarked to Alfred. "Perhaps," he said, "that is because a lot of them have other things to think about, watch them between shots."

Certainly, between shots, a lot of players seemed to lose interest in the game and went to talk to friends turning their backs on the tables.

"Now a lot here are clean-living young fellows like barrow-boys and boxers," said Alfred, "but there's others, like Whispering Willie, over there, who is a racing man."

I looked where Whispering Willie was, and saw a sad character all alone, wearing a faded check hacking coat, and a felt hat tipped over his eyes.

"The going's best for Willie when it's worst for the horses," said Alfred. "and the horses must have been having it good for them, lately, to judge from the way Willie looks tonight."

"On the racecourses, Willie finds a race with a small field and tips off one punter to back each horse. He has a very good memory, and after the race he goes to the booker he mentioned to the winner to, and says: 'Well, I give it you, didn't I?' and collects a share of the take."

that is one, playing at the table Willie is watching. His present boss, perhaps, come here to pay out his clients."

THE B' FIGHT

A DARK, pale youth came up, and Alfred said: "Thought you was out of town, Lennie?" "Nah, forget it, Alf," said Lennie, and they talked for a bit about a coming big fight, or rather the price tickets for it were fetching.

"Lennie," said Alfred, when the youth had slid away, "is a snide. He deals in counterfeit tickets. Unfortunately, when some of his friends in these parts wanted seats for a big charity show, Lennie gave them duff ones at over-the-odds prices (cos they'd have been suspicious if the price had been right). The boys turned up at the theatre all dressed up, and with their wives or girls, and they were turned away and nearly arrested for having forged tickets. It caused a lot of bad feeling at the time. Lennie had to go away for a bit. Let us move on, now."

PIN-TABLES

THE next sporting establishment was a pin-table saloon, full of young men in garish clothes, who were shovelling pennies into the machines as if a win would make them millionaires.

In fact, the top prize seemed to be three cigarettes for a score that was very astronomical. "They come here because they naturally like gambling," said Alfred, "and also here is one of the places young men come to when they have just left the Army without asking permission. They meet chaps who tell them where they can stay till they get fixed with jobs, and also where they can buy necessities like insurance cards, which cost 10s. to 30s."

But the shutters were going up, and a burly official was intoning: "Make it no more, boys, make it no more, please," like an exasperated nursemaid chivvying obstinate children to bed.

"Not many of these will go to bed, though," said Alfred. "They will stay up all night, walking around and doing in cabs or stations. If they aren't picked up by the coppers for something."

Which perhaps explains the meek acceptance of prison by some youths who come to court. There must be comfort in being sentenced to regular hours of sleep.

FLYING SCHOOLBOYS



Red flares for 'Emergency'—and it was real

From GORDON HOLMAN, Lee-on-Solent.

SCHOOLBOY cadets spending part of their holiday at naval air stations are finding enough thrills to last them all through next term. In batches of 40 the boys, from schools in London and other parts of the country, are doing a four-day naval air course at Lee and at Bournemouth naval air station in Warwickshire.

Here are a few of the items in the programme of the party I visited here: Eligible in naval aircraft. Informal talks with naval pilots back from Korean waters. Instruction in latest type "Link" trainers. Cinema shows. Sailing on the Solent. As if this was not enough, red flares suddenly shot up from the control point near the long runway, and the cadets heard the warning "Emergency Landing." The emergency was real, and the boys waited in silence until a jet fighter flashed across the airfield and turned to make a quick landing.

Not all the boys wear naval uniforms. "They all belong to the Combined Cadet Force, and we are glad to have them from RAF and Army sections if they want to come," a naval officer said.

Steak Pudding

Each boy must bring with him parents' or guardians' permission to fly in service aircraft.

With large portions of steak pudding as the centre-piece of a three-course midday meal, most boys voted the food superior to school catering. Milk was supplied to them by the pail. "Help yourself and drink it up," was the only order. In this naval atmosphere, no body was happier than Brian Pinfield, from Portsmouth Northern Grammar School, who wears Petty Officer badges.

"My father is a Senior Commissioned Gunner at Whale Island, the naval gunnery school," he said. "I have been to Malta with him."

From Korea

Sixteen-year-old Richard Diver, a naval cadet from St. Albans School, and John Coupland, RAF cadet from Emanuel School, Wandsworth, met the commanding officer of the station, Captain W. L. M. Brown, who, last year, won the U.S. Bronze Star, when he took his ship up-river and miles behind the enemy lines in Korea to salvage a MIG fighter.

Captain Brown, who is soon leaving for Canada with the rank of commodore, told me, "All the boys are going sailing with me. They will have to bring their own cups. I have never had such a large party in my yacht, the Dayspring."

Army To Navy

Clifton College boy Richard Weston, who lives at Malda Vale, pushed back his square Navy collar and confided: "I was an Army cadet, but transferred to the Navy."

Said Cadet Diver: "I shall do my National Service with Naval Air if possible. Afterwards, I expect I shall sign on for eight years."

Frederic Len, from Latimer Upper School, Hammersmith, was among boys listening to a talk on projectiles.

"Rocketry," said Chief Petty Officer Robert Tyles, chalk in hand before a blackboard, "were used as weapons of war by the Chinese in 1232."



CAPTAIN W. L. M. BROWN, commanding officer of Lee-on-Solent naval air station, chats with Naval Cadet Richard Diver and RAF Cadet John Coupland outside his office.

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